





"This is what knowledge really is. It is finding out something for oneself with pain, with joy, with exultancy, with labor, and with all the little ticking, breathing moments of our lives..."

-THOMAS WOLFE.



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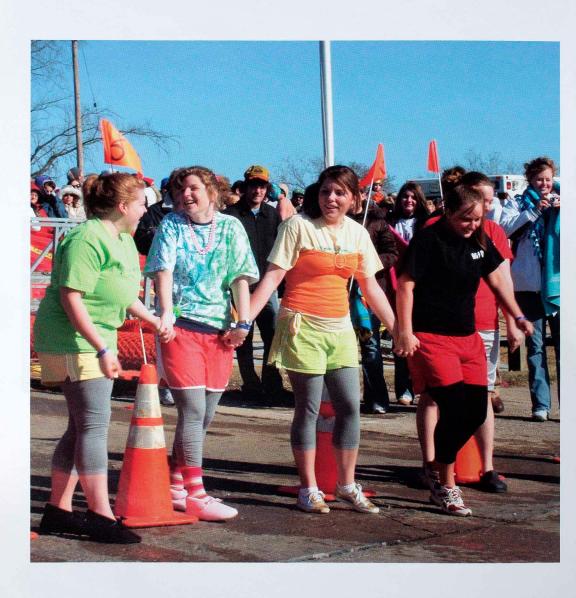
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Year of the Dog

By Hope Slaby

BEFORE STUDENTS COULD ENJOY ALL THE FESTIVITIES OF HOMECOMING, THE HOMECOMING COMMITTEE HAD TO CHOOSE A THEME.

"That was actually, I think, one of the hardest parts of Homecoming – trying to find something that, you know, really promotes school spirit but tries to encompass everyone," said junior Bonnie Treichel, one of two Homecoming Committee publicity chairs.

For Truman State University, 2006 was an important year, and Amy Currier, program adviser for the Center for Student Involvement and an adviser for Homecoming, said this shaped the committee's decision.

"'[The] Year of the Dog' seemed like a good theme," Currier said. "We were trying to incorporate the anniversary of the mission and the name change of the University."

In regard to the theme, Treichel echoed the importance of the 20 year anniversary of the University's mission change and the 10 year anniversary of its name change.

"We were hoping to ... incorporate our history, and then also to keep the school spirit of the dog," Treichel said.

The University's bulldog mascot inspired events like the Hot Dog Cook-Off, the Fire Hydrant Relay and the doghouse-decorating and doghouse-racing contests.

Some organizations extended the meaning of the theme beyond the local aspects to encompass the concurrent Chinese Year of the Dog as well.

"To me that was positive because it brought in diversity, too," Treichel said.

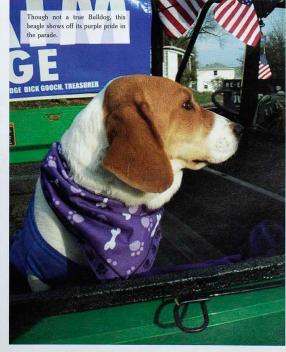
Currier said she foresaw some elements from "The Year of the Dog" carrying into future Homecoming activities.

"We're hoping that that whole doghouse idea will become a tradition at Truman somehow," Currier said. "We're hoping that every year ... a team will take it home, redecorate it, come back for competition and at least incorporate it into our parade."

While the Chinese would only observe the Year of the Dog once every 12 years, each Homecoming at the University would, in some respect, always be the Year of the Dog.











Make this space your own

By Dawn Runge

WITH THE LIMITED SIZE OF AN AVERAGE RESIDENCE HALL ROOM, MAKING A SPACE FOR SLEEPING, STUDYING AND SOCIALIZING PRESENTED A CHALLENGE. Creative furniture setups helped some Truman State University students make the most of the restrictive room proportions.

Freshmen David Sherwood, Matt Floyd, Aaron Razavi and Adam Kell used their Ryle Hall suite to create an entertainment space in one room of the suite and a sleeping and studying area in the other. The shared bathroom linked the two rooms.

"Matt had the idea to switch all the beds in one room," Sherwood said.

The suitemates agreed upon the idea, which took a \$50 couch and two or three hours of rearranging to make a reality. Freshman Steve Elford and other friends also contributed furnishings.

"The fridge isn't ours," Sherwood said. "The sound system isn't ours."

Unique furniture arrangements also helped students get to know others in their halls. Freshmen Molly Bender, Catherine Meyer and Rachel Barklage saw their social circle grow after they converted the empty fourth bed in their Blanton Hall room to a couch. The new atmosphere was conducive to social gatherings.

"Our room is now the party room for watching [TV show] 'Grey's Anatomy," Bender said.

However, there were downsides to rearranging the room furniture. For Sherwood and his roommates, finding time to study with so many guests and having four alarm clocks go off in one room proved inconvenient.

Despite the disadvantages, these first-year students found innovative room arrangements improved their residence hall experience.

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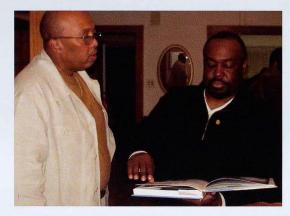
Left: Freshmen Steve Elford and Adam Kell enjoy a relaxing evening in their creatively arranged Ryle Hall suite. Photo by Emmy Thomson

Below: Freshmen Chris Schultheis, Molly Bender and Rachel Barklage lounge in Bender and Barklage's Blanton Hall room. Photo by Samantha Sanchez



Below: Alumni review an old Echo yearbook at the alumni-only party. **Photo submitted**

Right: Phi Beta Sigma fraternity alumni perform at an exhibition step show at NEMO Fairgrounds. Photo submitted







Uniting past and present

By Salma Ahmed

AFTER SPENDING NINE MONTHS CONTACTING ALUMNI AND PLANNING EVENTS, Bertha Thomas, Assistant Dean of Multicultural Affairs, and Laura Bates, Program Coordinator for the Multicultural Affairs Center, were ready to put the final touches on plans for the 20th Black Alumni Homecoming Reunion.

"During the course of the weekend, we would expect at least 100 [alumni], which is a really good number," Thomas said.

The reunion, a biennial event, took place Oct. 20 to 22 and featured activities ranging from a Hall of Fame banquet to an alumni step show. However, only four events — the Jazz Brunch, the tailgate party, the campus tours and the alumni reception — were sponsored solely by the MAC. The rest of the activities, such as the alumni parties and the Ebony Essence dance, involved a partnership among the MAC and other traditionally black organizations.

One group that helped with the reunion was Delta Sigma Theta, a public service sorority. President senior Danielle Leveston said the group helped the MAC with events like the step show, in which some of their alumni would be performing.

"[The alumni] worked really hard when they were in our shoes, so it's important to show that respect when they come back," Leveston said.

The MAC organized the events in conjunction with an effort to raise funds to establish a new scholarship. Bates said the MAC needed less than \$1,000 that weekend to make the proposed Truman Black Alumni and Attendees Scholarship a reality.

Ultimately, Thomas hoped students would benefit from meeting with alumni that weekend.

"I think the greatest encouragement for students to be successful and to do well in college is to see people not that much older than themselves doing the things that they dream of doing," Thomas said. "My goal is that the current student be inspired by our alumni."

Platonians invade Truman

Eight percent of the population — six students — of the small Missouri town of Plato chose to attend Truman. They shared about their hometown and their lives in Kirksville.



Name:
Sherelle Hathaway
YEAR:
Freshman
Major:
Exercise Science

How big is Plato?

Population 74 \dots a K-12 school, two churches, one store.

WHAT'S THE COOLEST THING ABOUT KIRKSVILLE?

The people are friendly and try to make everyone feel comfortable.

WHERE DO YOU WANT TO LIVE AFTER YOU GRADUATE?

Plato — I want to be close to my family again.



Name:
Amber Mayberry
Year:
Sophomore
Major:
Health Science

WHY DID YOU DECIDE TO COME TO TRUMAN?

The money, honey! I also like the look of the school. The ivy and columns give it an old school feel. Hopefully that doesn't change. (The new dorm looks pretty modern.)

Do you prefer a big town or a small town?

I want to have a grocery store closer than 30 min away, but don't want the stars to be blocked by too many buildings or lights.



NAME:
Alexis Chambers
YEAR:
Junior
MAJOR:
Business Administration

WHAT'S THE COOLEST THING ABOUT PLATO?

You know everyone.

What's the coolest thing about

KIRKSVILLE?
Being here with so many of my friends from high school.

WHERE EXACTLY IS PLATO?

Twenty miles out the back gate of Fort Leonard Wood, Mo, in the middle of nowhere.



Photos submitted Photo Illustration by Erin Hickman





Name:
Joshua Mooney
YEAR:
Junior
MAJOR:
Visual Communications

WHAT'S THE COOLEST THING ABOUT PLATO?

Other than our bank being robbed twice in one year, I would have to say that everyone seems to know everyone.

WHAT'S THE COOLEST THING ABOUT KIRKSVILLE?

The coolest thing about Kirksville is that although it is a city, it isn't a giant leap away from what Plato is. I mean, you still have hicks here too!

Why did you decide to come to Truman?

I wanted to get away from home, but not so far away or to a place where I couldn't still feel at home.



Name:
Corey McComas
YEAR:
Junior
Major:
Accounting

DID YOU GROW UP IN PLATO?

I did grow up in Plato, I actually grew up within a quarter mile from where my mother grew up. I was what is called a charter senior, someone who went to Plato from Kindergarten through senior year of high school. It's similar to being a "townie" in Kirksville

WHAT'S THE COOLEST THING ABOUT PLATO?

I like that fact that we are 30 miles from the nearest town. When I say town I mean the closest Wal-Mart or fast food joint. Each of the towns within 30 miles is all smaller than Kirksville. To get to a town similar to Kirksville you have to drive at least 50 miles.



Name:
Chris Copley
YEAR:
Junior
Major:
Communication

WHAT'S THE COOLEST THING ABOUT PLATO?

I love the people. The community of Plato is a very close network of people always offering a helping hand when necessary.

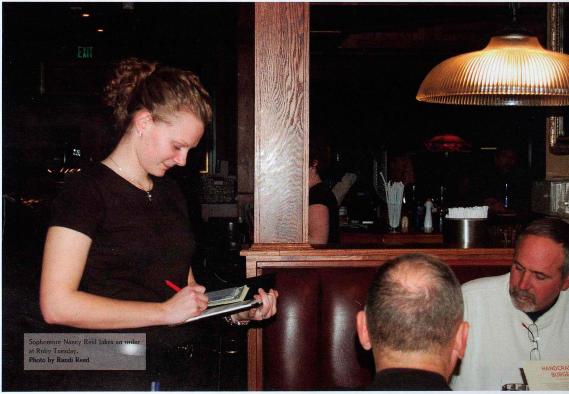
WHY DID YOU DECIDE TO COME TO TRUMAN?

Truman was the only campus that I visited and applied to. I fell in love with the campus immediately. Plus, Kirksville wasn't too big for little ol' me.

DO YOU PREFER A BIG TOWN OR A SMALL TOWN?

I prefer small-town life. Everything is so much less complicated. I know that wherever I go, I will be able to wave at the next pick-up or have a genuine conversation with anyone.





Working hard for the money

By Jenna Keeven

TESTS, QUIZZES AND PAPERS WERE NOT ALL STUDENTS HAD TO WORRY ABOUT.

For those paying their own way through college, money was an additional concern.

Sophomore Nancy Reid began working at age 12 on her family's farm, so working while attending school was nothing new. Reid served customers at Ruby Tuesday 20-25 hours per week. Although work was a necessity, she said school always came first.

"Work is around the school schedule, but I try to make more of a block schedule so it's easier to work," Reid said.

Reid's busy agenda affected her social life. Her job was preparing her for the real world, however.

"[Working] builds a lot of responsibility because you pay for everything yourself," she

Junior Ben Yarnell also was learning to be responsible as he juggled multiple jobs. Yarnell worked at the Ryle Hall front desk, in the audio lab in Brewer Hall and as a sports reporter for the Index. Yarnell said he found working on campus convenient.

"Since most of my bosses are either students or teachers, they're really willing to work with your schedule a lot more," Yarnell said. "They understand where you're coming from as far as classes, tests, extracurricular activities,"

Yarnell had to be careful with his limited income since he lived off-campus.

"[The income is] nothing huge," he said. "It's not big money, but it is money, and it gets me through. It'll buy me groceries and maybe feed my growing DVD collection a little

Unlike Reid, Yarnell said he never let work affect his social life. For example, he blocked out an hour on Thursday nights so he could relax with friends and watch the television series "Smallville."

For Yarnell, work was just another part of life.

"It's not something that is impossible," Yarnell said. "I'm not doing anything that anybody else couldn't do. It's just the choices I make."

Moving On Up to the ... West Side

By Alicia Baker

THERE WAS NO DENYING THAT BEING THE FIRST STUDENTS TO LIVE IN A NEW RESIDENCE HALL HAD ITS BENEFITS.

"After living here, it'd be hard to go elsewhere," freshman Kyle Oesch said.

Oesch opted to live in the West Campus Suites, and he said the additional cost was not an issue for him. After Truman State University awarded him a full scholarship, his parents offered to pay the difference for the upgrade to the new residence hall.

Although originally intended for upperclassmen, the residence hall opened to freshmen after vacancies remained. The fourth floor, home of the First Year Experience Program, housed only freshmen.

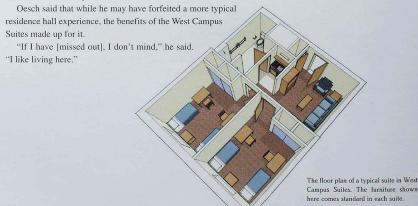
All residents of the West Campus Suites enjoyed 1.6 times the square footage of other University residence hall rooms. Four students shared two bedrooms, a common area and a large bathroom. Other amenities included climate control and a food preparation area in each room as well as kitchenettes and laundry rooms on every floor.

Junior Audrey Kerr, who lived in Missouri Hall during her first two years at the University, was happy with the new residence hall.

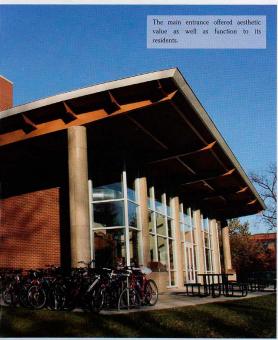
"Everything works, and air conditioning is awesome," she said.

While the West Campus Suites offered unique features such as a large convenience store in the building, Kerr considered returning to Missouri Hall upon completion of its renovation

"The rooms are a lot more spread out [in the West Campus Suites], so there's not really a sense of community," she said.









Stuck on Shuffle

Students and professors grant peek at their playlists.

1. "Life Is a Highway" - Tom Cochrane 2. "Summertime" - George Gershwin 3. "Free Falling" - Tom Petty 4. "I Just Called to Say I Love You" - Stevie Wonder 5. "Eye of the Tiger" - Survivor 6. "The World's Greatest" - R. Kelly 7. "Wish You Were Here" - Pink Floyd 8. "Accidentally in Love" - Counting Crows 9. "I Am a Man of Constant Sorrow" - Soggy Bottom Boys 10. "When a Man Loves a Woman" - Percy Sledge 11. "Freebird" - Lynyrd Skynyrd 12. "What a Wonderful World" - Louis Armstrong 13. "Proud to Be an American" - Lee Greenwood 14. "Stairway to Heaven" - Led Zeppelin 15. "You Raise Me Up" - Josh Groban 16. "Jack and Diane" - John Mellencamp 17. "Hotel California" - The Eagles 18. "River of Dreams" - Billy Joel 19. "Piano Man" - Billy Joel 20. "Crazy Game of Poker" - O.A.R.

FRESHMAN EMILY LAPOSHA

1. "Kill" – Jimmy Eat

World 2. "Catch My Disease" – Ben Lee

3. "Waiting on the World to Change" – John Mayer 4.

"Not Big" – Lily Allen 5. "Rooftops" – Lost Prophets 6. "Jane
Fonda" – Mickey Avalon 7. "Every Day Is Exactly the Same"

– Nine Inch Nalis 8. "Anyway" – O.A.R. 9. "Daughters" – John
Mayer Trio 10. "You're So Damn Hot" – OK Go 11. "Such Great
Heights" – The Postal Service 12. "I Want to Hear What You Got
to Say" – The Subways 13. "Not Tonight" – Tegan and Sara 14.
"Simple Design" – Breaking Benjamin 15. "Lua" – Bright Eyes

16. "Like a Stone" – Audioslave 17. "Back in the New
York Groove" – Ace Frehley 18. "The Queen and I"

– Gym Class Heroes 19. "Changes" – Juelz
Santana 20. "Wish You Were Here"

- Pink Floyd





With a little help from my friends

By Lindey Adams

TRYING TO HANDLE THE STRESS OF COLLEGE WHILE DEALING WITH A FAMILY MEMBER'S CANCER SEEMED IMPOSSIBLE TO SENIOR TRISHA GILLESPIE. That was why she, along with University Counseling Services and Colleges Against Cancer, started a cancer support group for Truman State University students whose lives had been affected by cancer.

Whether the students themselves or friends or family members were suffering from cancer, anyone was welcome to join the group.

University counselor Brian Krylowicz said he felt it was important for those dealing with the effects of cancer in their lives to have the opportunity to interact with others facing similar situations.

"People connected and talked about the things they do to get through this," Krylowicz said.

The group began meeting September 2006 and planned to meet on the fourth Monday of each month. The only problem with trying to establish the group was the touchy subject matter.

"It is difficult to take that first step, to reach out," Ryle Hall director Mark Lowry said.
"... You just want to be like everyone else. It kind of just depends on how things are going, whether it's something you want to talk about or something you just don't want to focus on."

The support group hoped to accommodate emotional highs and lows by being a permanent fixture on campus, a place where students would never have to feel alone in their struggles.

"Support groups will have siblings, friends, children and survivors," Lowry said. "The stories are so different, but the basis is the same. You find all those different connections. That makes a group like this very special and very unique."





University counselor Brian Krylowicz talks with senior Emilee Simpson at the group's monthly meeting.
Photos by Roger Meissen

Simpson pinned her pink cancer support ribbon to her bookbag showing her concern for the cause.



By Erin Clark

Wedding rings and textbooks could have been a tough combination.

Getting married before graduation was an increasing trend at Truman State University – and couples cited surprisingly simple reasons for committing in college.

"We loved each other," junior Ben Church said, as he smiled at his wife, Kim. "Still do."

He and junior Kim Church married in August 2006. After a month of classes, they could not see any downside to their new situation.

"It was kind of like a 'Why wait?' type of thing," he said. "It turned out to help us financially."

Their friends Luke Gleaves and Amy Knight Gleaves said financial responsibility was the hardest part of being married, though they were mostly talking about the paperwork.

"Right now things are really tight, but once we get [our financial aid paperwork done], we'll be in a lot better shape," Luke said.

However, newlyweds could not always expect increased financial aid, and some couples had additional expenses. Sophomore Ashley Tomten and freshman Tim Tomten married in June 2006 and were preparing for the arrival of their baby.

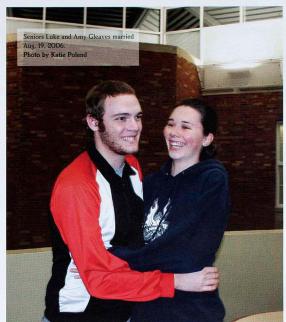
Tim said that after a full day of classes he worked in the evenings, often until midnight. He also worked about 30 hours in St. Louis on the weekends. Ashley said she missed her husband while he was away, but money was a big worry.

"My dad said, 'You're married now – you're on your own,'" she said. "'I'm not giving you any money."

Despite the complications of being a married college student, the Churches said marriage made their lives easier.

"It seems like more of a partnership," Ben said. "You're both trying to help each other do what you need to do. We do recognize that there will be struggles in the future. We're still in the honeymoon phase."





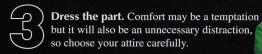


Tipsfor Pulling an All-Nighter



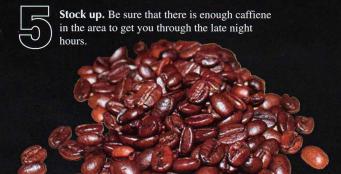


Find a Study Buddy. If no one is available or willing, break out your trusted Teddy.



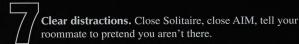


Prepare musical stimulation. Steer clear from any soft rock or Yanni, you won't need any extra help falling asleep.

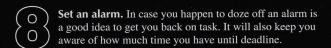


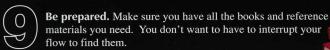


Get out your stash. Everyone knows you have that bag of candy hidden under your mattress, now's the time to break it out.

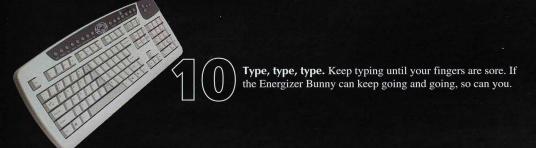












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All-nighter n. Informal A project or event lasting through the night, esp. an intense bout of study or work.





I'll just put it off till tomorrow

By Jessica Poet

PROCRASTINATE (v.): (1) TO DEFER ACTION; TO DELAY (2) TO PUT OFF TILL ANOTHER DAY OR TIME.

Students have been guilty of it. Sure, a homework assignment was due, but a favorite show was on, or maybe students worked on a cool project instead of studying for that math test. Procrastination permeated a college student's life as much as classes and friends.

Many students admitted to procrastinating at least three or four times a week. Some reasons for procrastination included watching TV, hanging out with friends and doing homework that was easier or more fun first.

For some students, the computer and the Internet were the greatest abettors of procrastination.

"The computer's just sitting right there in front of me," freshman Rachel Barklage said. "Sometimes I know I am [procrastinating]. Other times I just don't want to think about it"

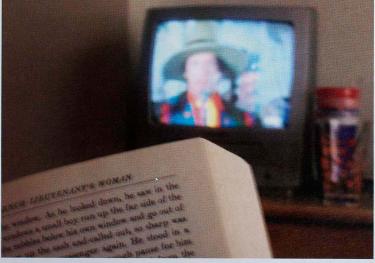
Most students agreed that procrastinating was a bad idea. Doing so left students with less time to get their assignments done, possibly lowering the quality of their work. There also was the fear that procrastinating would become a tendency that would stay with them the rest of their lives.

"If you get in the habit of it, you'll never get over it," sophomore Michelle Bachman said. "It'll just get worse and worse."

Self-motivation and effective time management helped in the fight against procrastination.

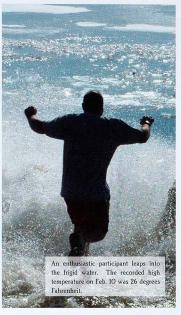
"Before I take up anything else, before I turn my computer on or pick up a book, I make sure I get all my stuff done," Bachman said. "I basically just have to put a leash on myself."



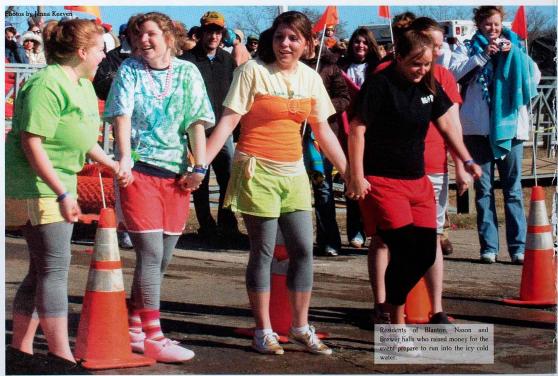


Students found TV and the Internet to be the most problematic contributing factors to procrastination. Photos by Emmy Thomson

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Off the deep end for charity

By Jenna Keeven

STUDENTS, ALONG WITH KIRKSVILLE RESIDENTS, TOOK A PLUNGE INTO FOREST LAKE AT THOUSAND HILLS STATE PARK Feb. 10 to raise funds for the Northeast Missouri Special Olympics.

Senior Julie Wynn was on the plunge committee and helped organize the event.

"It's fun, and it's a great cause," she said. "I coach four sports, so I wanted to help my athletes out."

Wynn also took the plunge and raised more than \$1000.

"It's cold, very cold," Wynn said.

Junior Kaitlyn Sullivan also faced the chilly waters.

"It was a lot colder than I thought it was going to be, and it is hard to breathe in cold water," Sullivan said.

Sullivan's friends juniors Ashley Goss and Melissa Sloan came out to support her.

"I think it's awesome that these people do this for Special Olympics," Goss said. "I can't believe how big of a turnout it is, too."

The 2007 event was the second annual Polar Bear Plunge in Kirksville and exceeded its goal of \$25,000 — a jump from the \$9,000 raised the previous year. The person who raised the most money received a prize, as did the student organization that collected the most.

Along with the plunge, other activities included a costume contest for the plunge participants in which the winner received a golden toilet plunger.

Wynn said she was excited about the huge turnout and the large amount of funds

"It's important that people realize that this money goes to athletes that may not get to participate in regular high school sports or things like that, and this gives them the opportunity to compete," she said.

Banding together

By Emmy Thomson

GRASS WITHERS, THE DANCE COMMANDERS AND JONNY NUMBERCRUNCHER & HIS MOIST-EYED MOTHERS ALL HAD ONE THING IN COMMON: They were bands composed of students.

Grass Withers, formed in fall 2004, was created by juniors Brad Smith and Jerry Jones. The band recorded the CD "To the Sound of the Tempest," in summer 2005.

"It's pretty light music," Jones said. "We like to go for a dreamy feel at times and sometimes like a more fun feel."

The cover band The Dance Commanders formed in fall 2004 with members juniors Harry Burson and Angela Carter and seniors Adam Groh, Adam Yanick and Nick Freed.

"All of us are so busy that it's a lot easier to play songs that have already been recorded, and people have already done well, and we can just kind of listen to those songs and practice along with them," Freed said. "We're basically in it just to make sure everybody has fun."

Juniors Harry Burson, Franklin Cline, Ben Wesselschmidt, Jonathan Thatch and sophomore Charlotte Keenan formed country band Jonny Numbercruncher & His Moist-Eyed Mothers in fall 2005.

The three bands played at many places, including the Dukum Upp, fraternity houses, residence halls and fundraising venues.

All three bands tried not to let their music interfere with their schoolwork.

"Sometimes you have to plan more accordingly," Jones said. "If I know we have a show on a Thursday night and I know I have a paper or a test due Friday, then I just have to get it done beforehand."

The advice of Jonny Numbercruncher & His Moist-Eyes Mothers included being dedicated.

"And don't be afraid to rock," Cline said. "I know with us we've talked about how sometimes rock gets between us and the ladies."

Balancing school, responsibilities and social priorities, the student bands made sure music was an important part of their lives.

"Any girl that I date, just right up front, it's rock over anything else," Burson said, "She knows."





Above: Jonny Numbercruncher & His Moist-Eyed Mothers performs at the Dukum Upp for Tekestock Feb. 9., 2007.

Photo by Roger Meissen

Left: Senior Nick Freed and junior Angela Carter perform with their band, The Dance Commanders.

Photo submitted



Truman's whores.

violette hall

Mardi Gras
Isn't it too cold?

We're all

Every time that

door opens, I get

a shot of cold air

up my shorts.

It's kind of like cleaning house; it

doesn't last very

long, but you've gotta keep doing it.

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I got terribly.

to ice cream.

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I am a graduate.

Damn it!

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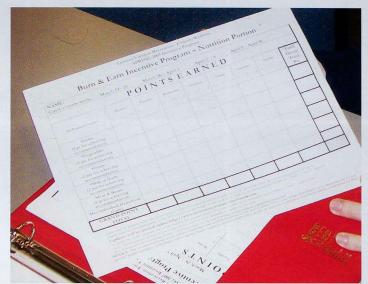
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For some reason, I have a feeling I missed my math class.	I live on the paranoid side. pershing building	It's not manly to prance around.
You'll be the tour guide, and when people ask questions, you'll break a lamp over their head.	I'm going to spend my summer in Independence – wasted.	That father should be killed or something. pershing building
You're screwed in high school.	Isn't it a little cold for frozen pizza?	That's not a fortune, it's a command. It's a command cookie!
I'm not a fatty I'm not eating all sugar.	I'll save your boobs!	Shakespeare, you need to lose weight.

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Right: Each week, participants recorded their nutrition and fitness achievements to earn points for the program.

Photos by Emmy Thomson

Below: Weight instructor senior Kim Tipton spots senior Ashli Meek on the bench press.



Choosing to lose

By Jenna Keeven

STUDENTS, FACULTY AND STAFF GAINED AS THEY LOST — WHEN THEY PARTICIPATED IN THE STUDENT RECREATION CENTER'S INCENTIVE PROGRAM, BURN AND EARN.

Karen Skoch, director of fitness and wellness, said the program was designed to promote the importance of nutrition and exercise to achieve and maintain improved overall health.

The program had two phases. The first consisted of exercise that included both cardiovascular and strength training. The second phase focused on nutrition.

"To get results that people are wanting to achieve, you need to incorporate both elements," Skoch said.

Students, faculty and staff kept track of their exercise on a point system provided by the rec center. For 10 minutes of exercise, a participant received one point and had to accumulate 30 points each week to continue in the challenge. At the end of phase one, participants received a rec center knit beanie. In phase two, 50 points per week were required, and participants received a Burn and Earn T-shirt upon completion of the program.

"Everybody likes to set little goals and get rewarded in the end," Skoch said.

Along with accumulating points by exercising, participants received six points for attending a health promotion event at the rec center.

"I really feel that the educational aspect is very important, as well as following through and implanting those activities and being physically active," Skoch said.

Senior Kim Tipton, weight room instructor, helped promote the program and saw increased traffic in the rec center as a result of Burn and Earn.

"I think [the program] motivated people," Tipton said. "People who I've talked to who are doing it ... say they're coming more often."

By Jessica Poet and Jenna Keeven

RYLE HALL'S DINING HALL WAS ABOUT TO GET A MAKEOVER. Proposed renovations included a more casual food court setting rather than a cafeteria. Like the Student Union Building, Ryle would have different establishments serving specialty foods.

Sodexho Director Dennis Markeson said the renovations were scheduled for summer 2008. Markeson said students filled out surveys on the concepts they wanted including Mexican food, Asian selections, and sub sandwiches. He also said there would probably be a World of Wings which would includ wraps, chicken wings and burgers.

"I think it's a good addition," Markeson said. "Students will have a food court operation on each side of campus and an all-you-can-eat on each side of campus."

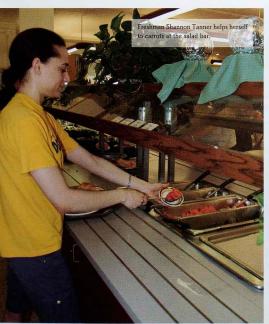
While the changes would provide balance, students had mixed feelings.

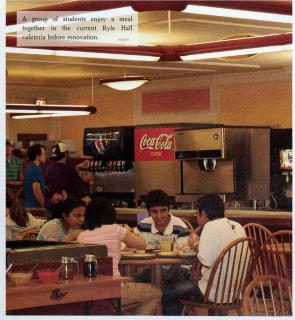
"I don't think it should be changed," junior Jon Strom said. "I'm on the swim team, and after practices, it's the easiest place to go and get a bite to eat. We kind of like being able to eat as much as we want after a hard practice. If we lose that, it would be like the SUB – we'd have to pay for each meal."

Junior Angela Crawford, Student Senate president, presented students' concerns during the planning process.

"The student government representatives to the Food Service Advisory Committee did their best to present the frustrations expressed by students, but overall they believe many students will benefit from these changes," she said.







The first sex vs. the fairer sex

By Tonya Jackson

IT WAS EASY TO BE JOSTLED BY SUDDEN BURSTS OF ECSTATIC YELLING AND CHEERING WHEN WALKING BY THE ALUMNI ROOM IN THE STUDENT UNION BUILDING FEB. 14, 2007. This was no ordinary Valentine's Day party, but rather the Student Activities Board-sponsored "Battle of the Sexes."

"In the past five years, we haven't had an event like this," SAB member junior Rachelle Williams said.

The night consisted of food, trivia, Pictionary and an obstacle course in a room filled with students and energy. Participants were broken up into teams of five people in which they represented their individual team as well as their gender.

Each attendee seemed to enjoy the night, although they favored different parts. Freshman Danielle Kiene liked trivia the most.

"I haven't played in a really long time, and it was fun to play with the girls," she said.

The obstacle course, a highlight of the evening, consisted of such tasks as putting a screw into a piece of wood, applying makeup, eating a raw hot dog, making a paper football and putting on pantyhose over jeans.

"I loved watching people run the obstacle course," said SAB member sophomore Courtney Perrachione, chairwoman of the event.

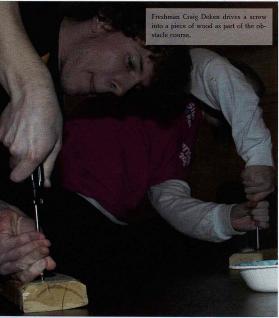
The entire room gathered to watch each team's attempt to make the best time. Ultimately, the women won.

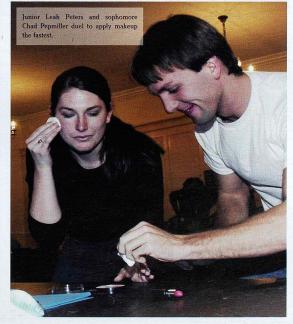
"The whole thing was fun," attendee freshman Ricky Whitby said. "I would most definitely come again."

When asked about the future of "Battle of the Sexes," Perrochione was hopeful.

"I consider it a very successful event," she said. "... What events we do next year will be up to the productions committee, but I will highly recommend it."







How much are you getting?

By Emmy Thomson

MOST TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENTS THOUGHT THEY WERE NOT GETTING ENOUGH SLEEP. Only 15 percent of males and 12 percent of females at the University felt rested after a night's sleep six or more nights per week, according to the American College Health Association National College Health Assessment survey.

Seniors Tara Schuler, Jenny Steinhoff and Rachel Bivens attempted to change students' sleep patterns as part of a project for the health science class Program Planning.

The week's planning began with publicity.

"We made flyers [and] a [public service announcement] that was run on campus, and that was put in Truman Today," Steinhoff said.

The three seniors placed cardboard sheep around campus, listing consequences of sleep deprivation such as problems with relationships and academics. They also distributed handouts with sleep information to people who passed by a bed set up between Baldwin Hall and Pickler Memorial Library. Students who came by the bed on campus were asked to write down how many hours of sleep they got the night before.

The week's activities also included presentations in Health 195 classes and a raffle for sleep baskets. Students who saw the health class presentations were asked to take a pretest and a post-test to see how much information they learned.

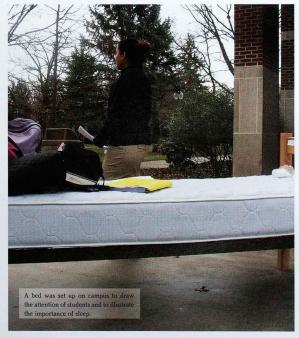
"A lot of advertising is more directed towards health science majors, so the [health class] presentations were guaranteed to hit a lot of majors," Schuler said.

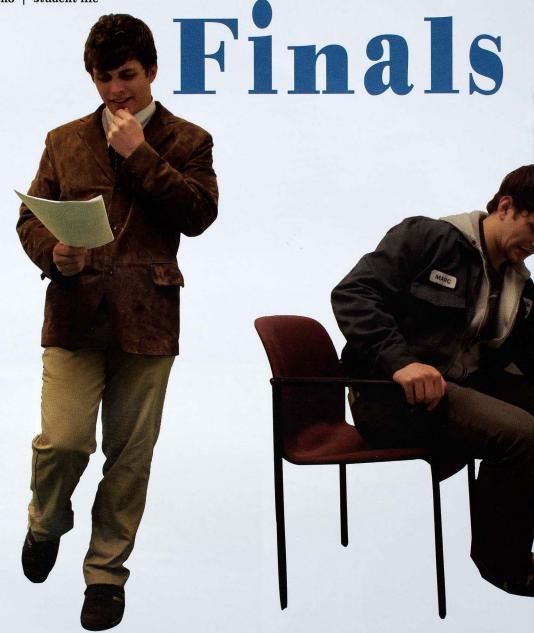
University Counseling Services worked with the students in charge of the week and brought live sheep to campus on Thursday, which drew a large crowd and a lot of attention

"The sheep were the biggest hit," Schuler said.









FASHION

As the semesters wore on, students wore out. Fashion statements were less important than the amounts of homework students had been putting off when finals rolled around.





people



janetromine

LIBRARIAN. BASS GUITARIST. ALIAS 'SPARKY.'

Story by Jenna Keeven Photo by Roger Meissen

JANET ROMINE WAS NOT THE STEREOTYPICAL LIBRARIAN.

Romine, a reference and interlibrary loan librarian at Pickler Memorial Library, started a band in 2004 and had since been rocking Kirksville as the bass guitarist of HappyAss. Romine called herself a "mild-mannered librarian by day, rock star by night."

Romine said she and her bandmates chose the band's name out of the blue. They could not think of a name, and somebody threw HappyAss out as a joke, she said. The name stuck, and the logo of a smiling donkey developed.

Romine was not the only Truman State University faculty member in the band. Robin Becker, instructor in English, played the guitar, dance instructor Devon Mills sang lead vocals, alumnus Eric Tumminia played drums, and alumnus Ted Frushour played trumpet.

The rock band performed on campus, at the Dukum Upp and at Leisure World and even traveled to St. Joseph, Mo. and St. Louis.

Romine said students and faculty recognized her at concerts, and the day after the show, students would congratulate her. She said one student told her, "Not only does she rock, but she helps me with my research too."

Romine, or Sparky – as she called herself onstage – shattered the librarian stereotype.

"It's not what people expect," Romine said.

Although her personality shone more onstage as Sparky than at the library as a reference librarian, Romine said she adjusted her style to fit her surroundings.

"There's things I wear onstage that I would not wear [at the library]," she said.

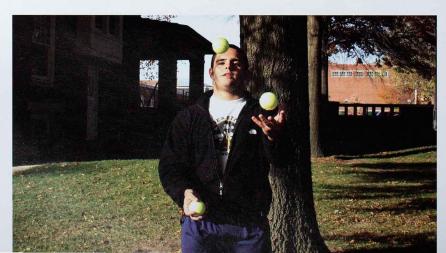
Romine's role as a band member did not lessen her love for her job.

"I really like being a librarian [and] helping people access information," she said.









TUTOR. BIG BROTHER. JUGGLER EXTRAORDINAIRE.

Story by Jenna Keeven Photos by Katie Poland

FRESHMAN JON HOLDEN HAD A PASSION FOR GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY.

Although he seemed like an average Truman State University student, Holden made a difference in the world one child at a time.

A St. Louis native, Holden became part of the Big Brothers Big Sisters of America program through his high school. He befriended sixth through eighth graders at an innercity elementary school, helped them with their homework and played games with them.

"It put my own life into perspective," he said. "It made me appreciate what I had more and whenever I thought I was getting handed the short end of the stick, it made me realize what I had [compared to the children]."

Holden also organized a pizza party full of games at his high school for the little brothers and sisters. He said the looks on their faces made the party worthwhile.

"Them seeing our school—they loved to walk around because their school is fenced off from everything," he said.

Holden also tutored during his senior year of high school.

"I hope to get involved with stuff like that up here [at the University]," he said. "That was probably one of the more rewarding things. Those kids are real dedicated."

Holden's high school stressed community service, and he carried that emphasis with him to college.

"It makes me realize what I have and what's worth worrying about," Holden said. "I feel like I should [serve others], and I like to do it."



joshdunlop

UNICYCLIST. BOY SCOUT. JOSH OF ALL TRADES.

Story by Emmy Thomson Photo by Colin Ellis

THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA TAUGHT FRESHMAN JOSH DUNLOP TO ALWAYS BE PREPARED, and Dunlop lived that motto, with a leatherman, flashlight and flash drive always in his pocket.

"I was in Boy Scouts ever since I was allowed to be," he said.

The first project he participated in was the Pinewood Derby. Dunlop made a racecar by himself using a handsaw and sandpaper, and he won the first three competitions in his first year of racing as a second grader.

"Boy Scouts exposed me to working with other people [and] working with tools, and it provided leadership opportunities," Dunlop said.

As Dunlop advanced in Scouts, the projects became more complex, and he learned more useful skills such as landscaping and construction. For his Eagle Scout project, he built a bike and pedestrian bridge at Castlewood State Park in St. Louis, Mo.

Dunlop's interest in learning new things began as a child. His mother grew up helping his grandmother on a farm in Wisconsin, while his father was a businessman from New York

"My mom taught me how to safely use a circular saw at age 4... and my dad taught me about life insurance policies and business practice," Dunlop said.

Dunlop used his multifaceted background to begin a small business of practical arts application called "Josh of All Trades." He performed a variety of tasks such as fixing lawnmowers, repairing computers and doing odd jobs around the house.

"Every time I do something, I learn something more about it," Dunlop said.

Dunlop's customers appreciated his help as well as his desire to learn.

"I teach them something, and they teach me something," Dunlop said. "Everyone has their own area of expertise, and you just have to tap into it. You just have to pick something up wherever you go and always try to learn."

matthewgreen

PRINTMAKER. SCULPTOR. FUTURE SHAPER OF MINDS.

Story by Emmy Thomson Photo by Katie Poland

TO TEACH IS TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE. These words show the dedication teachers must have to succeed in their occupation.

Junior Matt Green was ready to begin teaching his own students. As a pre-MAE art major with a concentration in printmaking, Green planned on teaching elementary school.

"There's just something about introducing kids to art and showing them how it's not ... a waste of time," Green said.

Green received the best feedback on his art from his high school teacher, Mr. Hartman. Green said Hartman was very enthusiastic and open to talking to students about anything outside of school from music to games.

Green attended a summer fine arts program at the George Bingham Academy where Hartman worked with associate Tom Creamer. Green said the art he made at the program was the best he had ever made before attending college.

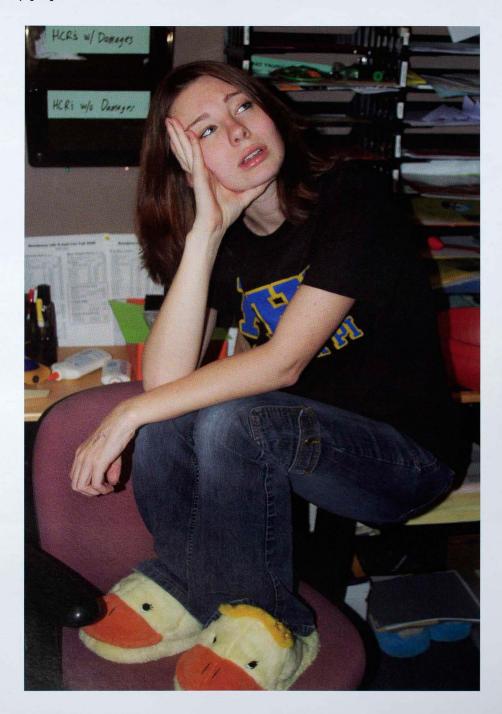
"[The program is] probably why I'm still in art," Green said. "It was so cool."

The scariest part about leaving college was finding a job, Green said. He wanted to work in Missouri.

Wherever he ended up working, Green said he understood the importance of making students the focus of teaching.

"Kids are having to grow up so fast, so I think it's important to have a place where they could be a kid and just get paint all over them," he said.





erincollins

STUDENT ADVISER. CAMP COUNSELOR. ULTIMATE GO-TO GIRL.

Story by Grace DelNero Photo by Colin Ellis

THE PIPES WERE LEAKING IN RYLE HALL, AND RESIDENTS CAME RUNNING STRAIGHT TO SOPHOMORE ERIN COLLINS' ROOM TO INFORM HER OF THE SITUATION. This was just another situation not covered in her student adviser manual.

"During my [Truman] Week I knew that I wanted to be a SA," she said. "It is more fun to be a SA than a resident because I have a hand in everything that goes on. I feel really involved."

Collins enjoyed getting others involved as well. She helped organize many programs such as a campus-wide game of Capture the Flag, a post-a-secret program and a showing of the movie "Crash" with a discussion about diversity. She said she could not have done it without the help of her staff, however.

"They are the most amazing group ever," she said.

The SA community made Collins' experience memorable, she said.

Collins continued her leadership role in the summer as a camp counselor. She helped kids overcome their fears, including a fear of heights on the zip line.

"The best part is when they come running up to give you a hug when they are done," Collins said.

Collins said her leadership experiences taught her something she could apply to every aspect of her life, from math homework to bulletin boards in Ryle.

"The harder you work for it, the more you get out of it," she said.



berthathomas

MENTOR, FRIEND, MASS MOTIVATOR,

Story by Evangeline McMullen Photo by Colin Ellis

ALL TOO OFTEN, A JOB WAS SIMPLY AN OCCUPATION THAT PAID THE BILLS. If this was the case, it could be difficult to muster up enthusiasm for one's work. Some individuals, however, were fortunate enough to find a position that truly fulfilled them. Bertha Thomas, Truman State University's dean of multicultural affairs, was one of those people.

"I love my job," she said.

This was clear. As she talked about the work she did in multicultural affairs, she beamed, relating proudly the achievements of former students and earnestly discussing the importance of the University's Multicultural Affairs Center. Thomas was a woman with a passion for her work.

The University hired Thomas as dean of multicultural affairs in 2002, after she had served as interim dean for three years and worked as coordinator of the McNair program for six years.

"It's one of the best positions on Truman's campus," Thomas said of her job, referencing the numerous ways in which the MAC works with University students. "To be a part of so many lives-that's the best."

There was one part of her job that she held closest to her heart.

"The aspect that I hold absolutely dear is to help students figure out strategies to realize their greatest academic and personal goals," Thomas said.

With more than 125 students moving through the MAC each week, Thomas certainly had the opportunity to help many students.

Her drive to do so went without saying.



mitchbussone

FRESHMAN. COMMUNICATION MAJOR. ROCK STAR IN TRAINING.

Story by Lindsey Adams Photo by Roger Meissen

ALL FRESHMAN MITCH BUSSONE NEEDED WAS HIS BASS GUITAR. He was a communication major at Truman State University and had an interest in radio broadcasting, but his one true love was playing his bass.

"If I could be a rock star, I would do that above anything else," Bussone said. "I would spend 10 years after college traveling around the world without a house of my own, without a car of my own. I could just do that and be happy."

His love for playing guitar began the summer before his freshman year of high school. He took lessons for two years, and then he moved on to learning from Internet sheet music. He became so skilled at the bass that he could listen to a piece of music, figure out all the notes and play it. He had even begun to write songs.

"I try to come up with stuff with a lot of burn to it so it hits you when you hear it," Bussone said. "I take my emotions out on my bass."

Whether his talent and songs would one day lead him to fame was still uncertain, but Bussone was sure of one thing: music had saved his life.

"I don't know if I'd be where I'm at right now without music," Bussone said. "I wouldn't have any motivation for my life, and I wouldn't be a happy person if I didn't have music as an outlet."



marijkebreuning

ADVENTURER, GLOBETROTTER, CURRENT KIRKSVILLIAN.

Story by Grace DelNero Photo by Colin Ellis

ONE TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR TRAVELED TO A VARIETY OF DESTINATIONS BEFORE SHE LANDED IN KIRKSVILLE.

Marijke Breuning, associate professor of political science, grew up in the Netherlands, but in her early twenties, she could not pass up the opportunity to come to the United States.

Breuning originally planned to study in the U.S. for only one to two years.

"I told my parents it would be a fun adventure," she said.

Breuning said she discovered the U.S. was the perfect place to continue her studies, and she became involved in political science research and academia.

She traveled to the cultural crossroads of Ethiopia three times, and she saw firsthand the effect of foreign aid and involvement. Breuning said the rich history and culture of Ethiopia influenced her.

"When I think about a life changing experience ... this qualifies," she said.

Breuning taught Introduction to Political Science, American Foreign Relations and her specialty, International Relations, bringing her own unique knowledge of the world to the University's political science department.

jamesquigley

GUITARIST, PHILOSOPHER, ULTIMATE FRISBEE ENTHUSIAST,

Story and photo by Evangeline McMullen

STUDENTS WHO MAJORED IN PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGION AT TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY PONDERED THE STATE OF MANKIND, probed the reasoning behind every action and debated the idea of a higher power—in short, they studied weighty subjects.

A passion for these topics did not limit senior Jay Quigley's ability to have fun, however. He could discuss ethical theory or the idea of a transcendent God with the best of them, but he could also play a mean game of Ultimate Frisbee, win a few hands of poker and provide musical entertainment with Lois, his guitar.

During summer 2006, Quigley found himself working as a guitarist for several Mexican restaurants in the Cedar Rapids, Iowa, area. He originally intended to keep his Spanish language skills polished by working as a waiter, but he decided to follow a different course of action after he saw another guitarist playing in a Mexican restaurant.

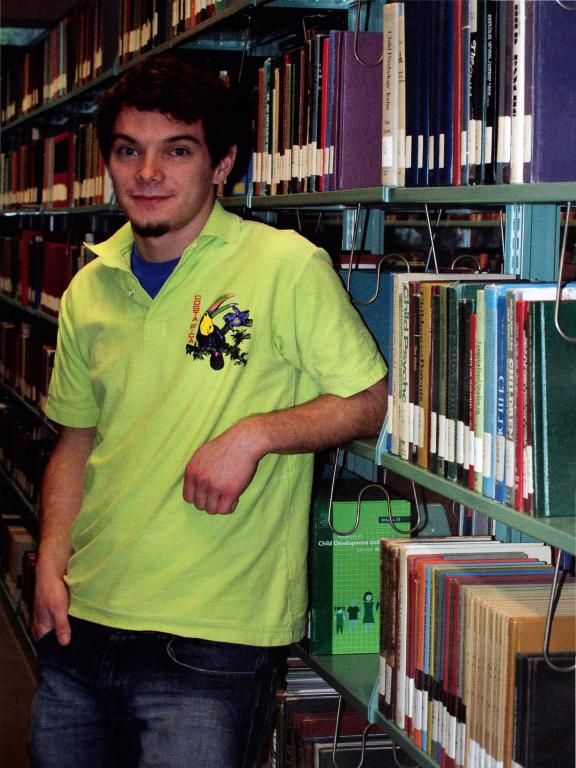
"I just [said], 'Hey, you guys want a guitar player?" he said. "[The restaurant] got really excited, way more than I thought they would."

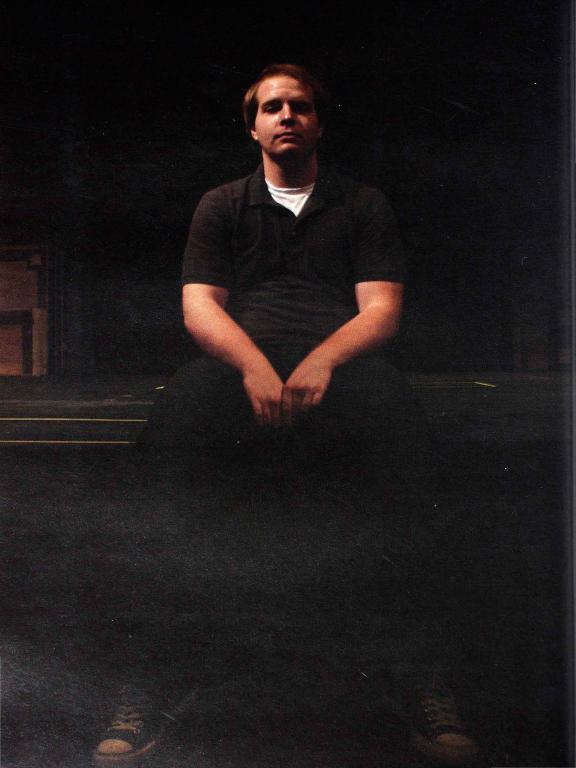
Quigley joked about the role music could play in his future.

"If I don't get into grad school, plan B is to be a rock star," he said.

Before graduate school rolled into view, Quigley had one last year at the University. His plans were simple.

"I definitely would like to get really rowdy," Quigley said. "I want my last year to be a last hurrah."





michaelfoster

ACTOR. IMPROV MAN. WILLING-TO-BE-STARVING ARTIST.

Story by Lindsey Adams Photo by Samantha Sanchez

THEATER MAJOR SENIOR MICHAEL FOSTER SAID HE FELT DRAWN TO DRAMA AFTER ACTING IN A PLAY IN HIS JUNIOR YEAR OF HIGH SCHOOL. Foster performed in the play "A Midsummer Night's Dream," which began his love of theater. Foster enjoyed being part of a play cast.

"Everything comes together on a cast," Foster said. "I love community and the collaboration. I love performing itself, hearing the audience laugh and just being a part of bringing a written work to life."

Foster applied his enthusiasm to various areas of performing arts at the University. He participated in 24 Hour Theater, a lab show, five one-act plays and Tag, a comedy improvisation group. Foster said he appreciated the different benefits each genre offered him

"Using a script, you already have your words and you have to sell them and make them your own," Foster said. "With improv, you have to think on your feet. I love the organic nature of improv—to jump off [the ideas] of someone else."

Foster hoped to satisfy his appreciation of different genres by working in Chicago and maybe one day hitting the coasts to work in film or voiceovers.

"I am just a weird, goofy, eccentric kid who hopefully can use the sum of his qualities and creativity and imagination to entertain and educate," Foster said. "I am not really interested in money and fame. I am just interested in doing good work."

brianmurray

JUNIOR. COMP SCI MAJOR. GAMER SINCE AGE FIVE.

Story by Emmy Thomson Photo by Samantha Sanchez

INTERESTS COULD BECOME HOBBIES. Hobbies could become obsessions. Obsessions could lead one's life in interesting directions.

This was the situation of junior Brian Murray, whose love for games prompted him to look into the video gaming industry for work options.

"It wouldn't get so boring after a while," he said. "It would be more of a career, not just a job."

Murray began playing video games when he was five, receiving his first system as a gift at age six.

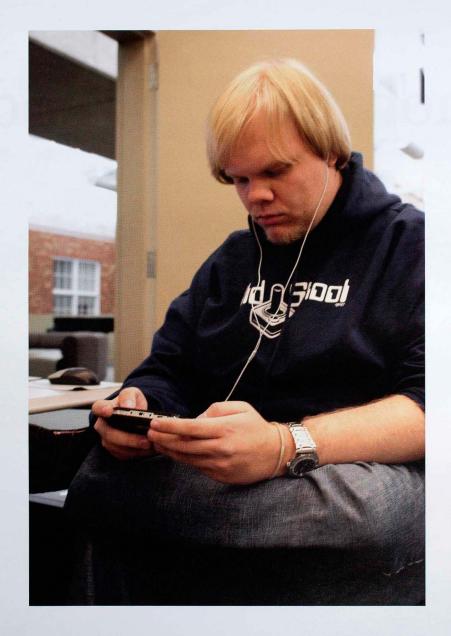
"I wasn't very good," he said.

As Murray continued to play and move up through the various game systems, however, he grew better. He said his all-time favorite game was a toss-up between Tetris and Zelda: A Link to the Past.

A computer science major, Murray sometimes wondered if he chose the wrong path and should have been an art major.

"I was online, and there were all these Photoshop tutorials ... and I was like, that's really neat," Murray said. "That seems to make it all seem really easy to just make stuff from scratch, but then ... it doesn't really feel like art, so that's not right."

No matter where Murray's life led, however, one thing was certain—gaming would always be a part of it.



hobyyoungblood

COLLEGE STUDENT. HISTORY MAJOR. GREAT-GRANDFATHER.

Story by Jenna Keeven Photo by Amber Nelson

TYPICAL RETIREES ARE EXPECTED TO SPEND THEIR TIME LEISURELY, PLAYING BINGO AND CARDS, TRAVELING THE WORLD OR EMBARKING ON THE LONG-AWAITED MOVE TO FLORIDA. One 70-year-old man, however, worked rigorously to achieve a long-standing personal goal.

Senior Hoby Youngblood wanted to obtain a degree. After accumulating several hours over the years from former Southwest Missouri State University (Springfield, Mo.), Drury University (Springfield, Mo.) and former Northeast Missouri State University (Kirksville, Mo.), he decided to finish what he started. Youngblood chose to attend Truman State University to major in history. With the hours he had already earned, Youngblood said a degree in history would take the least amount of time. Some of Youngblood's hours could not be counted because those classes were no longer offered.

"Things have changed—[school is] harder, more difficult," Youngblood said. "Some of the foundations that I've had, school-wise, [from] years ago, they're not adequate today. I'm having to learn some of the basics as well as whatever the courses are."

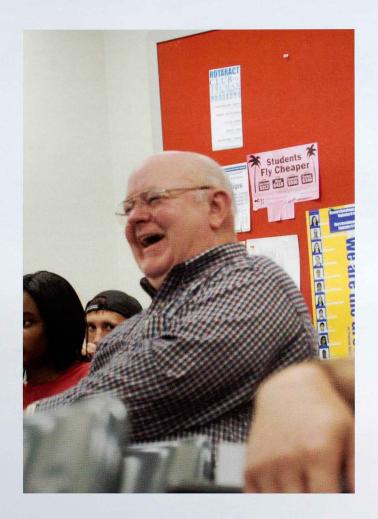
The social aspect of college also was different for Youngblood. He said some of the students simply wondered who that "old guy" was, and he added that his professors' reactions were positive, although they wondered why he came back so late.

"I wanted a degree," he said in response. "I just didn't have time earlier."

Before retirement, Youngblood owned businesses including real estate, insurance and several rental units. He then became a pastor for several years.

By the time he enrolled at the University, Youngblood had a big family that included a wife, six children, 19 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Some of his grandchildren also were degree-seeking students at other institutions.

"[The grandchildren] think it's something else," Youngblood said. "'Grandpa's doing what we're doing.'"



mattgowin

RADIO DI. PIERCING ADDICT. CONVERSATION PIECE.

Story by Evangeline McMullen Photo by Roger Meissen

SOPHOMORE MATT GOWIN SAID HE USED TO BE KNOWN AS "THE DUDE WITH THE HAIR."

"I would dye my hair all the time," he said. "I would bleach it and then put zebra stripes all around my head ... then I dyed it blue, then purple or pink. One time I dyed it blue but with stars—we whipped out the stencils."

After Gowin shaved his head, another feature of his body began attracting looks: his thirteen piercings.

"I kind of like that attention," he said. "[I like] having that uniqueness that stands me out."

Gowin's piercings started with one through the cartilage of his left ear for his 18th birthday.

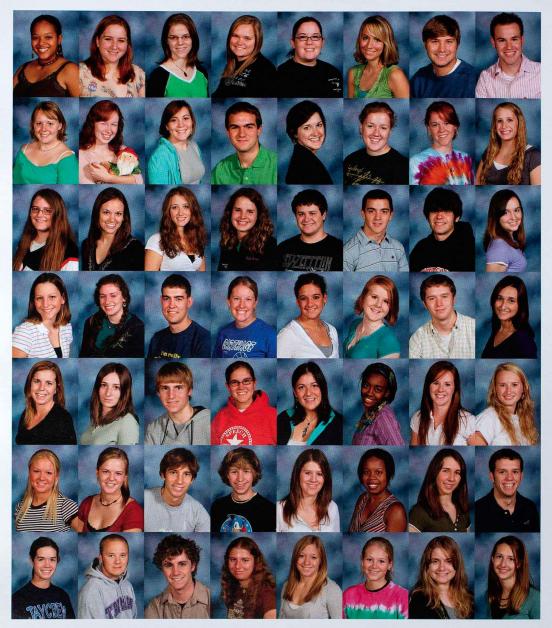
"It was my present to myself," he said.

In addition to his more conventional eyebrow, lip and ear piercings, Gowin acquired a few uncommon ones. The two bars through the back of his neck illustrated what Gowin called his "addiction to piercing." Gowin said his most unusual piercing, which he added in August 2006, consisted of four bars pierced in a vertical line through his left side.

"I wanted to go even to the more extreme and do something that I've never seen," he said. "It's a good conversation tool."

As Gowin already had ideas for his next piercings—a V-shape on his back or a cheek piercing—people would certainly have much to talk about for a while.





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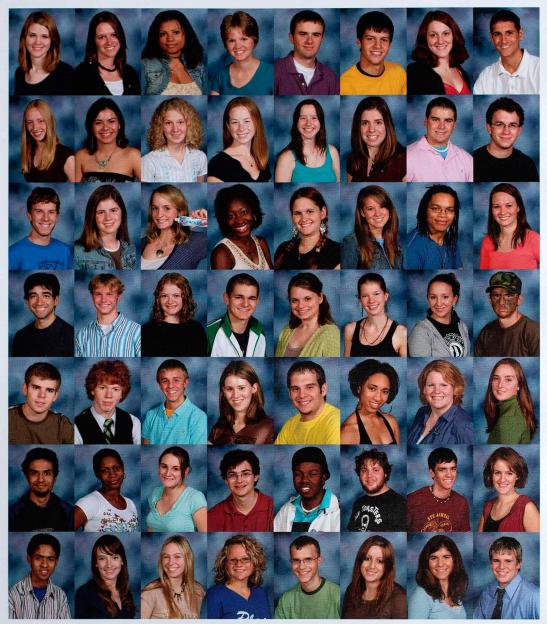
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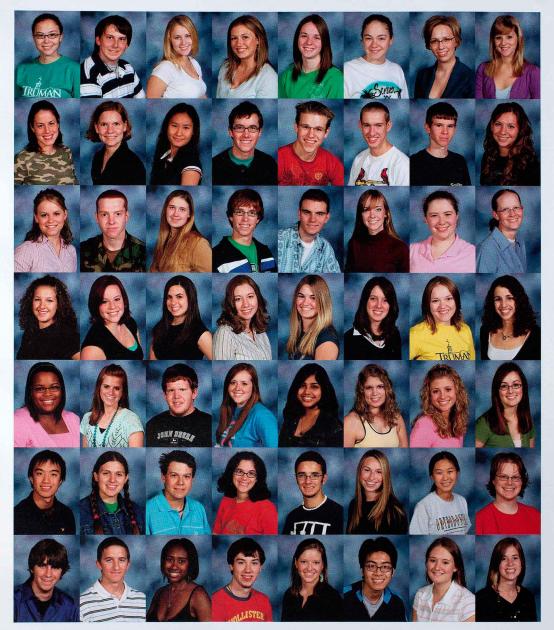
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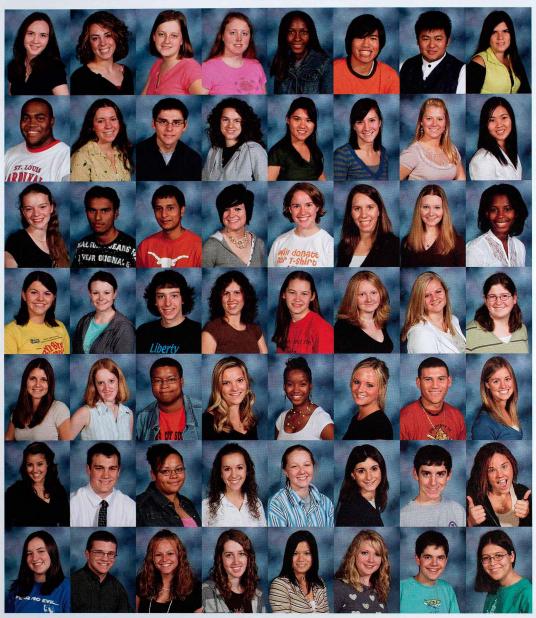
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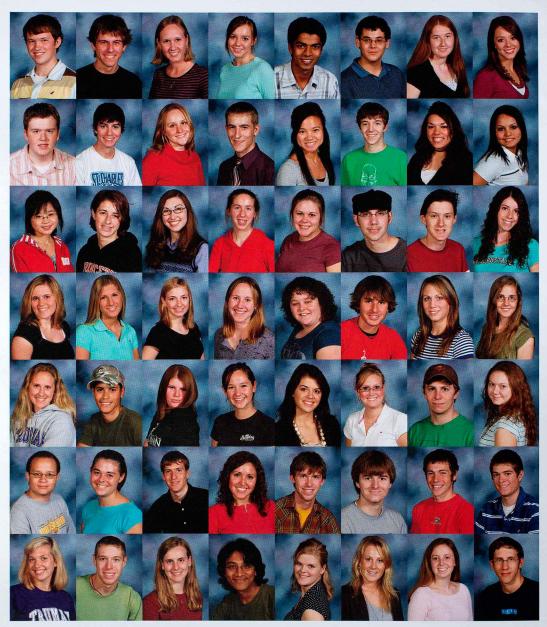
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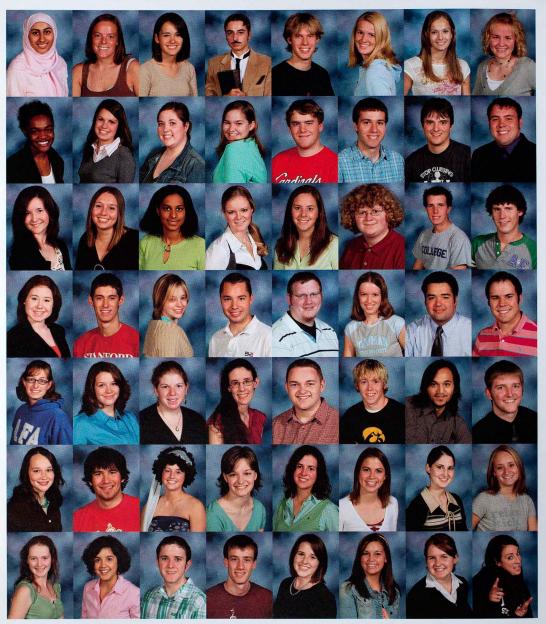
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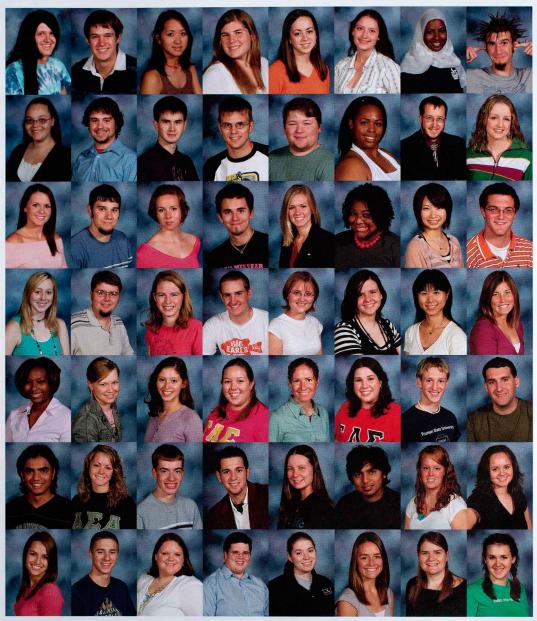
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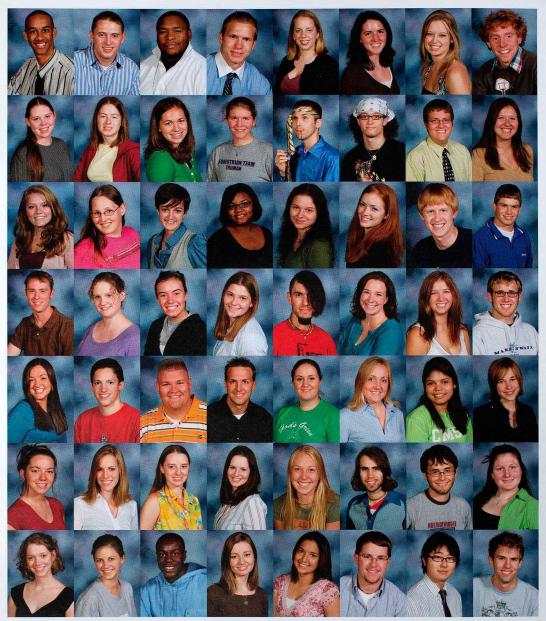
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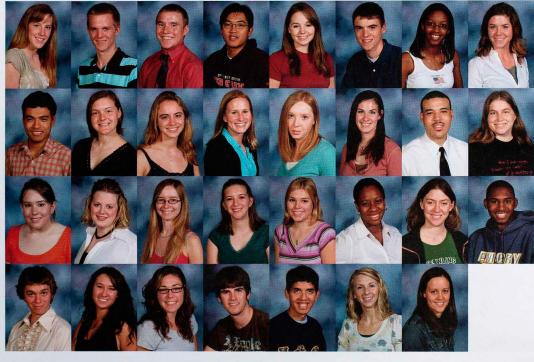
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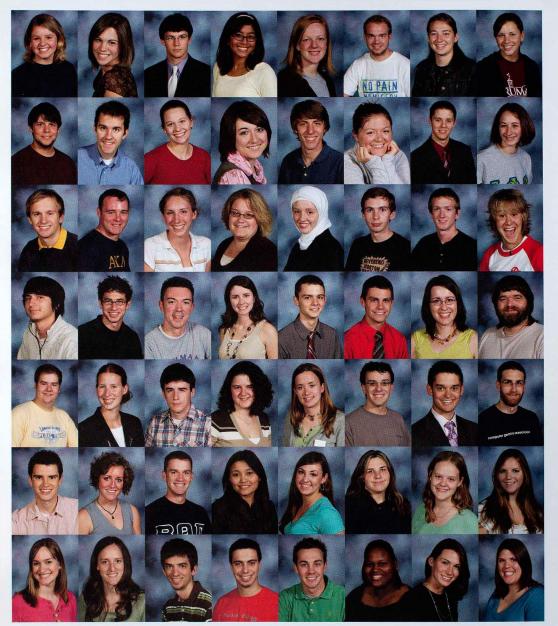
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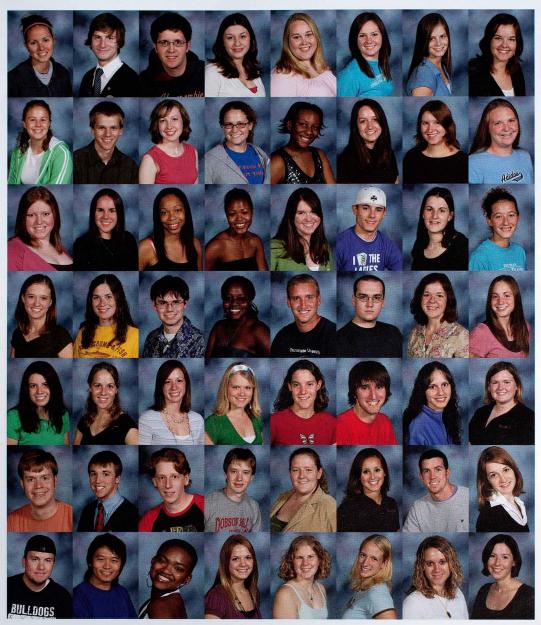
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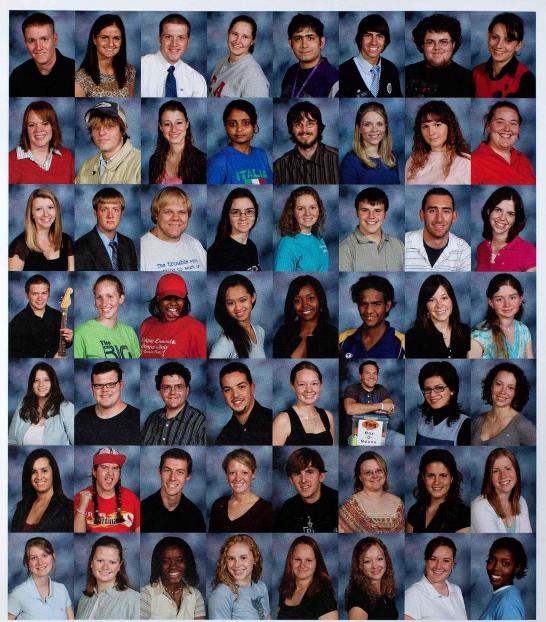
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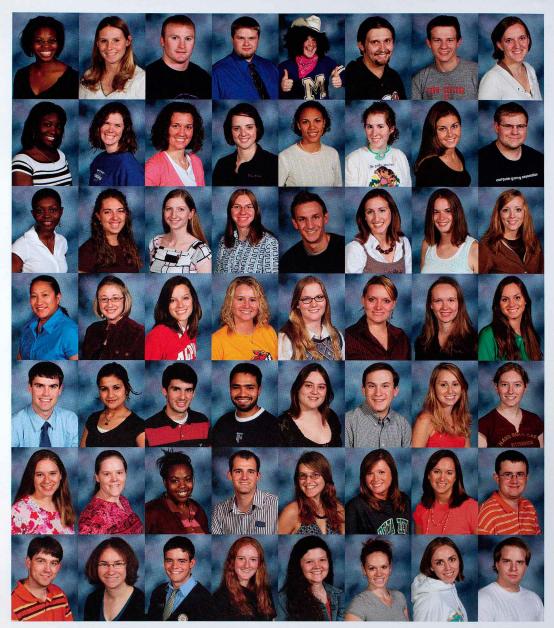
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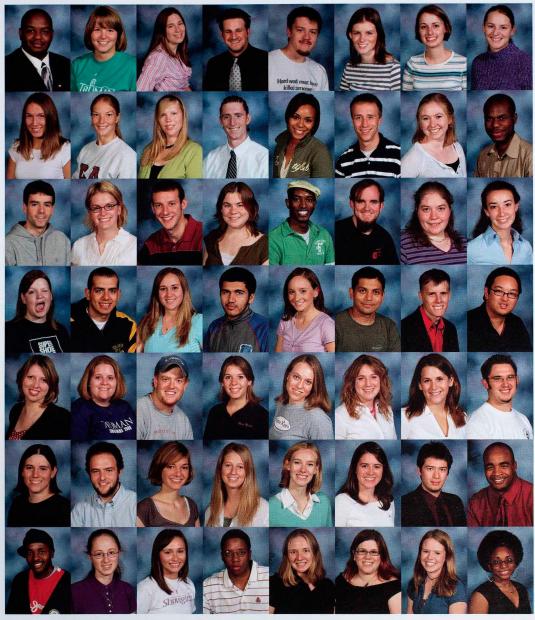
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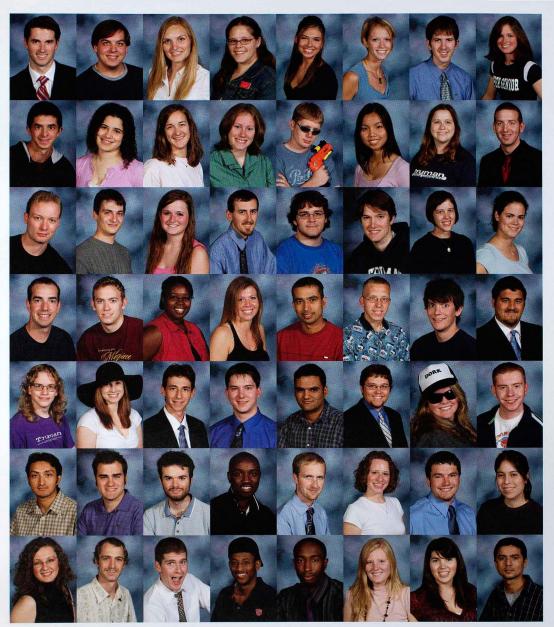
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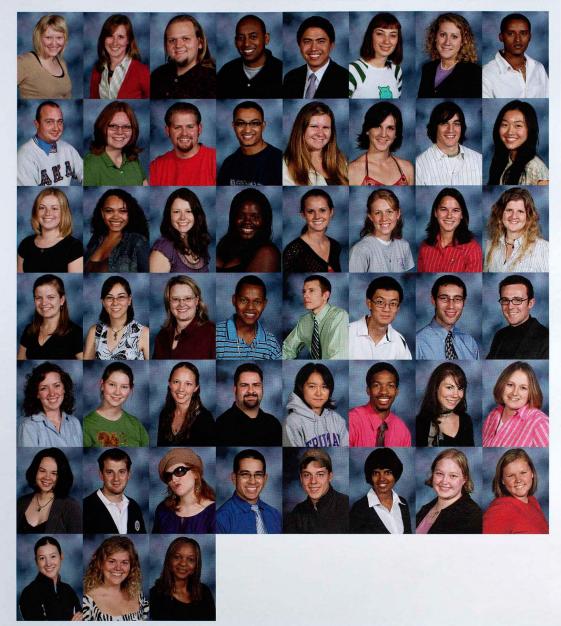
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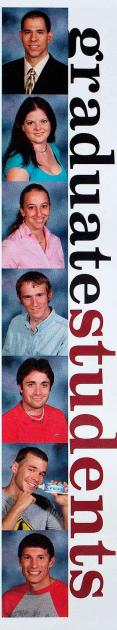
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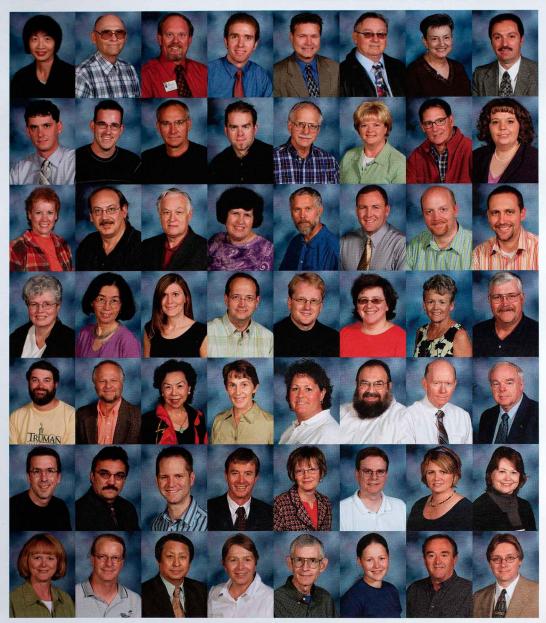
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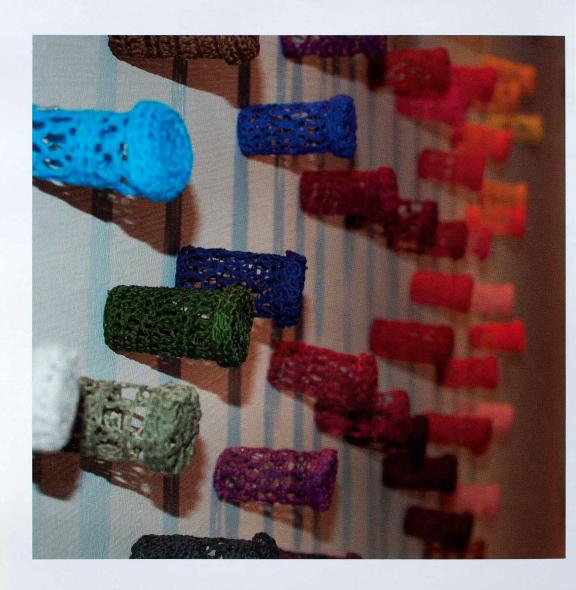
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Summer Ceremony Suspended

By Jenna Keeven

STUDENTS COULD NO LONGER WALK THE WALK AT TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY'S AUGUST COMMENCEMENT.

President Barbara Dixon sent an e-mail to students Sept. 18 to inform them that the August commencement would no longer take place because of a lack of participation.

"If we had most of the students that selected to march in commencement, we probably would have continued it," said Ralph Cupelli, assistant to the vice president for academic affairs. "But since the number has really been declining, less than half of the undergraduates were showing up to march in the commencement, so it was kind of like, "Well, the students really don't seem to care much about it."

Those planning to graduate in the summer still received their diplomas in August, but they had to walk in May or December if they wanted to participate in commencement.

The decision immediately affected students, including senior Instis Tuia

"I really don't like the idea," he said. "I understand why the administration decided to get rid of the August commencement. However, I really didn't expect it to come so soon."

Tuia, who planned to study in Hong Kong during his last semester at the University, intended to graduate and walk across the stage at the commencement ceremony in August 2007.

"I've heard the August commencement is the most beautiful,"
Tuia said. "Number one because it is a smaller graduation,
number two because it's in the fall months, so you get a lot
of beautiful color, and it's usually done outdoors in a more
intimate setting on the Quad."

Tuia said he would have been willing to spend the money to return to Kirksville for August commencement because the spring and fall ceremonies would not fit into his schedule. Since Tuia would be abroad in the spring, he would be unable to attend in May 2007. Likewise, a trip back to the University in December would be unfeasible because he would be attending graduate school.

"I think it does say something when I'm willing to spend hundreds of dollars to come back here and buy all those things just to walk on myself, and the University is not going to spend it on us," Tuia said.

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Press Practices Self-Promotion

By Emmy Thomson

THE TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY PRESS, THOUGH IN OPERATION FOR TWO DECADES, WAS NOT WELL-KNOWN BY STUDENTS OR EVEN SOME FACULTY MEMBERS.

Director Nancy Rediger decided to remedy this lack of awareness and thought the Press' 20th anniversary was the perfect time to do it.

The groundwork for establishing the Press began in 1971 when Robert Schnucker, then a history and religion professor, brought the Sixteenth Century Journal — a periodical publishing 1500s articles — to campus. In 1985, Schnucker approached the administration about creating a university press because the journal had begun to publish books.

"We thought it might be nice to broaden [the journal] to be more than just the history, so we proposed a press," said Paula Presley, retired Press director.

Presley, then a graduate student copy editor for the journal, worked with Schnucker until his retirement in 1998, when she became director of the Press.

Twenty years after the Press' establishment, the lack of knowledge about it prompted those involved to get the word out. The Press also wanted to advertise its scholarship jobs and internships, which provided hands-on experience for students interested in the field of publishing.

The Press organized an anniversary celebration week, which included an information table in the Student Union Building with daily trivia and book prizes, an informational publishing speech at the Career Center, a poetry reading by the 2006 T.S. Eliot Prize Winner, a faculty lunch and a celebration dinner.

"We decided to hook kind of a campus-wide ... number of events with the anniversary and take advantage of this ... milestone to try to make the campus aware of us," Rediger said.

Rediger said the celebration week was a major success in gaining student recognition for the Press.

"It was interesting in the SUB because when students or faculty would walk by the table, they would do a double-take," Rediger said. "They didn't even have to look at the books. It was more like, 'Oh, we have a University Press.' I saw first-hand and heard first-hand exactly the audience I had wanted to get."

By giving students, faculty and staff more information, the celebration week drew attention to the Press' past and present.



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Nancy Rediger, director of the Press, and Robert Schnucker, founder and first director of the Press, at the celebration dinner.

Photo by Emmy Thomson



Politics and Art Coincide

By Kelley Hulse

AARON FINE, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF ART, HELPED HIS DRAWING III STUDENTS TAKE ART OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM. With the November 2006 elections in sight, Fine requested that his students create artwork with a political twist.

Fine said that as in past years, the assignment proved to be a challenge for him as well as for his students.

"One of the most difficult things to do is to constructively critique each other's work and be supportive of the artist, even if we're not supportive of the [political] message," he said.

Other than the requirement that students undertake a highly involved project, there were few limitations. Projects ranged from bumper stickers to banners covering the side of a house, and topics ranged from voter apathy to the genocide in Darfur.

Junior James Lang designed a T-shirt for his project.

"I was targeting the right-wing, religious front in American politics that's kind of running politics and renaming and recharacterizing the person of Jesus in America," Lang said. He depicted Jesus in a military uniform on the front with the words "Violence is not a Christian value" on the back. Lang said he hoped the viewer would feel the dissonance of the image of Jesus in a uniform and see that it did not make sense.

Lang said this assignment was tough because political work requires precision.

"There's a duality between being thought-provoking, creative and insightful, but at the same time making the message clear without the work just being a campaign sign," Lang said.

Senior Lindsay Koski agreed.

"It was hard to translate my own statement into something others could understand," she said.

Koski made a poster campaign featuring the figure of a woman composed of the words "Let me live my life."

"It's interesting to see people's reactions," Koski said. "I hope that people will take a moment and think about how they treat others after they see one of the posters."

Opposite page: A poster of a woman created out of the words "Let me live my life" appeared in various locations as part of the art assignment. Artwork by Lindsay Koski

Right: This image of Jesus in an Army uniform was printed on T-shirts and distributed to University students in October.

Artwork by James Lang



Does SIZE Matter?

By Sara Besserman

SOME STUDENTS HAD FACED IT AT ONE POINT — A LECTURE HALL SO BIG THAT THE INSTRUCTOR WOULD NEVER KNOW THE STUDENTS' NAMES. At the other end of the spectrum, there were classes with only a handful of students, and the professor remembered each student's name and attendance record.

Junior Becca Pace preferred the smaller class size.

"I learn a little better, and I get more one-on-one time with the teacher," she said. "Both of my sisters go to larger schools, and my mom went back to school this fall, and she's having to deal with 300-plus in a lecture hall, which is a little more difficult since it's more difficult to pay attention."

Sophomore Alicia Stewart was happy with her college decision. Truman State University's array of smaller classes made it stand out from other schools such as the University of Missouri–Columbia, which her brother attended.

"His smallest class was 32, and his largest was 500," she

said. "He has a 500, 300 and 200. I could not imagine. In large classes it's easy to get lost in the crowd and overlooked."

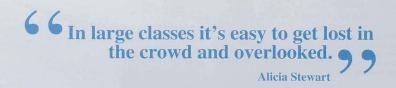
Professors also tended to favor the smaller class sizes the University had to offer.

"I think almost any faculty member would say small classes give you so many more options," said Tony Weisstein, assistant professor of biology. "You get to know the students better. You have more flexibility in terms of doing different kinds of exercises rather than just lecture, lecture, lecture."

However, larger classes did carry some benefits.

"You don't want them too small because it's good to have some diversity in the class – different majors, people with different life experiences," Weisstein said.

Students and professors alike appreciated the University's typical class size, which allowed for more interaction and a fulfilling educational experience.





Juniors Chris Nation, Michael Wieberg and Brad Smith crowd into a Baldwin Hall classroom. Photo by Phil Jarrett

Familiar Faces Move On

By Jenna Keeven

PROFESSOR OF EDUCATION KAY CLAPP LEFT THE CLASSROOM IN DECEMBER 2006 AFTER 28 YEARS OF TEACHING AT TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY.

Clapp began working at the University in 1978 in the reading study skills lab. After she received her doctorate, she began teaching education courses.

"It's just been great fun and challenging, and you increase your knowledge by working with young people," Clapp said.

Clapp said her favorite aspects of working at the University were the students and her colleagues. She also said the Master of Arts in Education program was outstanding.

As a retiree, Clapp planned to do a lot of reading as well as traveling with her husband. "Initially we're going to Florida for a little while," she said. "It will be warmer than Kirksville."

She also wanted to spend more time with her children and grandchildren and restart hobbies such as painting and needlework, which she set aside when she began teaching.

Although Clapp would have more time to herself, she still planned to start her day early.

"I think that I will not set an alarm, but I think I will still wake up early ... I like not wasting the day," she said.





Fresh Faces Move In

By Jenna Keeven

AN EMPTY CHAIR IN THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT WAS FILLED BY JESSE KREBS WHEN HE ACCEPTED THE POSITION OF ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF MUSIC.

Krebs' career at Truman State University began in 2005 through a temporary position which developed into a permanent, tenure-track job in August 2006.

Originally from North Carolina, Krebs did not expect to end up in Missouri.

"You have to go where the job is," he said.

Although he missed the culture of the big city, he found a home at the University.

"I've never been to a school where all the music faculty get along, but that's how it is here," Krebs said.

Krebs also liked the students' dedication.

"Students here are so hard-working and determined and smart," he said.

In addition to his time working with students, Krebs performed outside the classroom as part of the University's woodwind quintet and faculty trio.

"A school like this is a really great chance for me to keep up my performance as well as teaching," Krebs said.

Potent Potables Presented

By Caitlin McLuckie and Jenna Keeven

EVERY YEAR, TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY JUNIORS FULFILL THE JUNIOR INTERDISCIPLINARY SEMINAR REQUIREMENT. Fall 2006 brought a new JINS class about beer—an ironic subject considering the University's dry campus policy.

Potent Potables: Reflection looked at alcohol from a variety of angles. It focused on how beer related to American culture rather than beer consumption.

"It is not at all about the consumption of alcohol," said Christopher Lantz, associate professor of exercise science. "It's about understanding the role that alcohol plays in the lives we lead."

Lantz requested the help of the University's faculty and community members to emphasize the interdisciplinary aspect of the course. The class featured a presentation by a local prosecuting attorney as well as lectures by professors from the history, philosophy and marketing disciplines on specific topics.

Lantz said what made the class fun was the unique personalities in the class and the broad range of majors that led to fulfilling discussions.

Communication major junior Kelly Albright said she decided to take the class because it sounded interesting, although she did not know what to expect from the class when she registered.

"I didn't want it to be a lot of science," Albright said. "I wouldn't have lasted."

Fortunately for Albright, although it included some chemistry, the class also featured topics such as history, religion, marketing, legal aspects and public health.

The class drew from enough disciplines to create a satisfying experience for students and educators alike.

"I had a blast," Lantz said. "I love it."

66 It's about understanding the role that alcohol plays in the lives we lead. ??

Christopher Lantz



THERE ARE 19 DIFFERENT VERSIONS OF GUINNESS. THE FIRST BEER CANS WERE PRODUCED IN 1935, IN THE U.S., A BARREL CONTAINS 32 GALLONS OF BEER. THERE ARE 27 STYLES OF BEER AND 49 SUBSTYLES. PENNSYLVANIA HAS HAD MORE BREWERIES IN ITS HISTORY THAN ANY OTHER STATE, IN ANCIENT BABYLON, FEMALE BREWERS ALSO ASSUMED THE POSITION OF TEMPLE PRIESTESSES, SIRIS WAS THE GODDESS OF BEER, GEORGE WASHINGTON HAD HIS OWN BREWHOUSE ON THE GROUNDS OF HIS MOUNT VERNON HOME, THE BUDWEISER CLYDESDALES WEIGH UP TO 2,300 POUNDS AND STAND NEARLY SIX FEET AT THE SHOULDER. BOTTLE CAPS WERE INVENTED IN 1892 BY WILLIAM PAINTER, THE SYMBOL FOR BASS, A RED TRIANGLE, WAS REGISTERED IN 1876 AND IS THE WORLD'S OLDEST TRADEMARK. 12 OZ OF A TYPICAL AMERICAN PALE LAGER HAS FEWER CALORIES THAN TWO PERCENT MILK OR APPLE JUICE. BECK'S ACCOUNTS FOR 85 PERCENT OF ALL GERMAN BEER EXPORTS TO THE U.S. SOURCE: HTTP://TOBP.COM

Faculty Forums Informed

By Loretta Palmer

A LECTURE HALL NEARED MAXIMUM CAPACITY ON JANUARY

18. But this was no ordinary classroom presentation.

Tim AuBuchon, assistant professor of music and director of jazz studies, gave a lecture entitled "How to Listen to Jazz" to about 100 students, faculty members and community members as part of the 2006-2007 Truman Faculty Forum.

"I do appreciate the chance to get to do it—to get up there and do some lecture to a different audience," AuBuchon said. "I appreciate the turnout of the music students, other students, music faculty and other faculty. There was a good mix of people."

AuBuchon spoke about, performed and analyzed jazz music during his presentation.

"I thought that was a good topic, because I feel like a lot of

people, even musicians that aren't jazz musicians, sometimes have trouble figuring out exactly how to listen to jazz," he said

AuBuchon's lecture was the third in a series of four Faculty Forums for the 2006-2007 school year. The other lectures included a study on new religious movements and a genomics and bioinformatics discussion.

The Truman Faculty Forum, which began in 2003, gave people the opportunity to see some of the work faculty members actually did, said Phil Ryan, associate professor of mathematics and Faculty Forum committee member.

"In Kirksville we are a little bit isolated, so it's up to the University to put on academic events that are of interest," he said.

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Tim AuBuchon



Professor Tim Aubuchon, seniors Frank Richter and John Van Oort and junior Scott Bein demonstrate jazz concepts. Photo by Roger Meissen

The Write Stuff

By Emmy Thomson

THE WRITING CENTER WAS A PLACE WHERE STUDENTS OF ANY MAJOR COULD COME FOR HELP WITH THEIR WRITING. Help was available at every stage of the writing process: brainstorming, drafting, revising and editing.

To apply to be a writing consultant at the Writing Center, a student needed to submit two letters of recommendation from faculty and one letter of recommendation from a peer, provide writing samples and participate in interviews. After being hired, consultants took a class – Writing Consultation Practicum – that focused on the techniques and practical aspects of writing consultation.

"[The class] went over writing center theory, how our writing center works, how we should approach conferences, ... how to figure out our own writing center philosophy," consultant senior Becca Maddox said.

With the training they received, Writing Center consultants

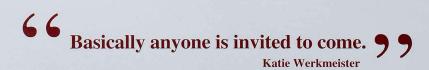
offered a variety of services.

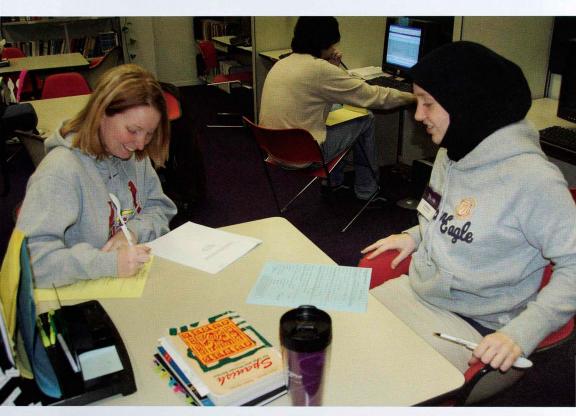
Students with a variety of majors worked at the Writing Center, and a Spanish-speaking consultant also was available.

"We have people who [have personal experience with] MLA or APA or all different styles, research papers, literature reviews, literary analysis and lab reports," Maddox said.

Many students, from beginners to advanced writers, took advantage of the Writing Center's services, from beginners to very advanced writers.

"Anyone and everyone [comes to the Writing Center]," consultant sophomore Katie Werkmeister said. "We have a lot of [Writing as Critical Thinking] students. We have a lot of students who are asked by their professor to come in for extra credit. We have students who come in for help on personal essays. ... Basically anyone is invited to come."





Writing consultant junior Andrea Cluck (right) helps freshman Randi Overfield revise a paper at the Writing Center. Photo by Hope Slaby



Senior Brian Geren measures the melting point of a sample in order to confirm that he has made the substance that he intended to make. Photo by Brian O'Shaughnessy

Blinded with science

By Emmy Thomson

WHILE IT WAS A SEEMINGLY DAUNTING COURSE FOR SCIENCE MAJORS, Organic Chemistry Lab provided practical applications of chemistry beyond the scope of academia.

"[Organic Chemistry Lab] is designed to help students learn how to purify and characterize organic molecules and to synthesize them so you can make new and useful things," said Anne Moody, associate professor of chemistry.

Organic chemistry could be taken either in two semesterlong segments as Organic I and Organic II Lectures and Labs or as Organic Super Lab in one concentrated semester.

"Actually, most people [take Super Lab] these days because it's really fun," Moody said. "You meet twice a week, and you don't forget stuff from one week to the next."

Some labs during the semester included recrystallizing materials, distillations, syntheses and reactions like color changes and precipitation effects.

"[Precipitation effects seem] almost magical," biology major junior Phil Vance said. "I mean, you know the chemistry of it, but it's kind of fun to watch and look at it."

The usefulness of the class was important to Moody.

"I like that it's practical that you can go and earn a good living," said Moody. "A lot of students have told me that they would never do organic chemistry again. They would stay as far away from it as possible, and two years later I've heard from those people, and they're doing organic chemistry."

Vance also appreciated the practicality of the lab.

"There's just a lot of wonders involved," said Vance. "There's also a lot of applications to, like, stuff you see in everyday life, too."

Ceremony CSignals End

By Grace Del Nero

THE SUN PEEKED OVER THE FIELD HOUSE, AND SENIORS LISTENED TO THE COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER, POSED FOR PICTURES, AND FINALLY WALKED ACROSS THE GRADUATION STAGE. Family and friends broke out in applause

- and then the daydream disappeared.

The checklist of things to do before graduation came into focus, and the work continued. Ralph Cupelli, assistant to the vice president for academic affairs, started months in advance to plan Truman State University's May 2007 graduation ceremony.

The months of planning would come to fruition during the first week of May.

"We organize the luncheon, programs, photographers, awards, food services, singers, readers and rehearsals," he said

Every task shared one common goal: creating a memorable commencement ceremony for the 2007 graduating class.

While over 900 graduates took part in the May ceremony, senior Jessica Pautler decided not to participate.

"Most of my friends are more excited about graduating and getting done than the ceremony itself," Pautler said.

Some students, however, eagerly anticipated the formal closure to their time at the University.

Senior Erin Pagel said she thought it was necessary to have a ceremony.

"It makes graduation real," Pagel said. "It is a time to reflect back and move on."

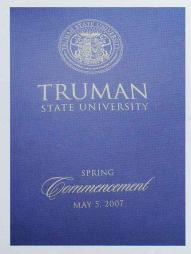
Most seniors expected a meaningful talk, a long list of names and the satisfaction and pride of graduating. The cap and gown photographs would appear on Facebook, a networking Web site, and would hang in homes of proud parents. It was not the ceremony, however, that would stand out in the minds of the graduating seniors — it was the collegiate journey that would never be forgotten.

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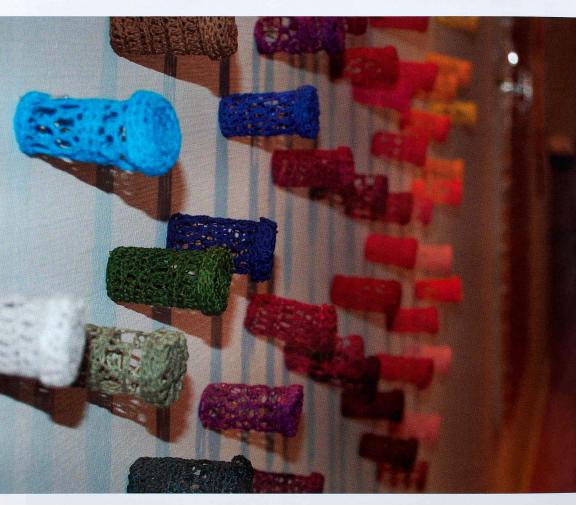






The May 2007 Commencement was held under a sky full of clouds. Fortunately for the over 900 graduates the stadium stayed dry throughout the ceremony.

Photos submitted



A competitor's artwork of small pill bottles pinned to a wall correlates to another piece by the same artist that shows pills in a quilt-like pattern.

Photo by Emmy Thomson

Call for entries

By Andrea Bailey

THE UNIVERSITY ART GALLERY WELCOMED SEVEN ARTISTS HAILING FROM SEVEN STATES TO SHOWCASE THEIR WORK.

The Truman State University Division of Fine Arts organized a public reception for the 17th Annual National Art Competition in the Art Gallery on Jan. 22. Fine Arts Division faculty, headed by professor of art Bob Jones, started the competition with a grant from the Missouri Arts Council.

"The original intention was to bring in the work of midcareer and emerging artists to campus," said John Bohac, associate professor of art. "We brought in a lot of very wellknown artists and critics - real heavy hitters in the art world."

Each artist's body of work displayed an individual theme. The pieces presented in the gallery ranged from digitally manipulated photography to a large-scale arrangement of pills and candy in clear boxes.

"I'm beginning to show a broader range of work rather than one or two pieces from each artist," said Aaron Fine, associate professor of art and director of the competition. "... You get a more in-depth look at them in that way."

Senior Charlie Young said she was impressed with the exhibit.

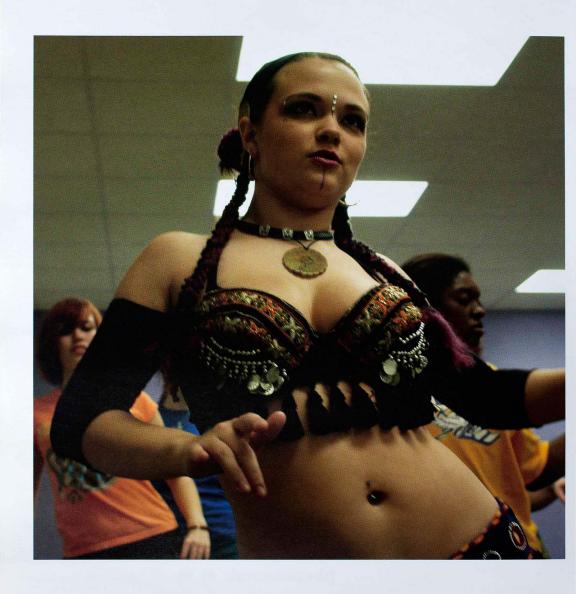
"[There was] lots of diversity, good work, something interesting to talk about," she said.

Despite the cold weather, a large crowd of students - art majors and non-art majors alike - attended the reception. Young, an English major, said she enjoyed art and was especially intrigued by the photography pieces.

"I think this is one of the most interesting things I've ever seen in my life," she said. "... It's phenomenal."

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ALTHOUGH TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY ORGANIZATIONS MET REGULARLY TO CONDUCT BUSINESS, SOMETIMES MEETINGS WERE NOT ENOUGH. To get to know each other better, many groups set aside time to socialize.

Service sorority Tau Lambda Sigma organized retreats and weekly sisterhood gettogethers. Sometimes they ate dinner together at the Student Union Building, while other times they just hung out at someone's house to watch a movie. The women of Tau Lambda Sigma also participated in intramurals together.

"[Intramural competition] gives us a goal, something to work together on as a team," said senior Becky Hadley, Tau Lambda Sigma member.

Likewise, members of Delta Sigma Pi, a coed business fraternity, bonded through sports.

"In our organization we meet on weekends to play football at Brashear [Park]," junior Luke Pashia said. "I think it makes it easier to bond if you do things outside of organizational business."

Not only did outside bonding activities improve friendships within an organization, the cohesion improved operations of the group better as well.

"If you took away all the social things we do, and we just had meetings and service, we wouldn't be as effective of a group," Hadley said.

To be or not to h by Dawn Runge

TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY'S FIRST DEATH PENALTY AWARENESS WEEK, SEPT. 11-15, WAS MARKED BY ANOTHER FIRST - Amnesty International, a human rights group on campus, and the Catholic Newman Center coming together to co-sponsor the week's events.

When putting together the events for Death Penalty Awareness Week, senior Bethanie Seiglar, president of Amnesty International and a member of the Newman Center's council, realized that her involvement with both organizations could benefit an issue important to both groups.

"They are two groups you typically don't ever place in the same sentence," Seiglar said.

The two organizations initially scheduled a presentation by Sister Helen Prejean, antideath penalty activist and author of "Dead Man Walking," as the only function.

"Sister Helen didn't want her [presentation] to be the only thing going on," Seiglar said. "We kind of built the rest of the event around her."

Most of the planning took place in spring 2006. Death Penalty Awareness Week also included displays on the Mall, a candlelight vigil, a panel consisting of professors and students, a screening of the film "Redemption: The Stan Tookie Williams Story" and a reading of "Dead Man Walking."

Seiglar said that Sister Prejean's speech was the highlight of the week. Amnesty International member freshman Clare Cummings attended the presentation.

"[Sister Prejean] was really inspirational, and she really knows what she's talking about," she said.

Before the speech, members of both organizations and the cast of the "Dead Man Walking" reading met with Sister Prejean.

"She was absolutely wonderful to talk to," narrator junior Marissa LaRose said. "She was such a great conversationalist. We talked about things from global warming to an Earth literacy course."

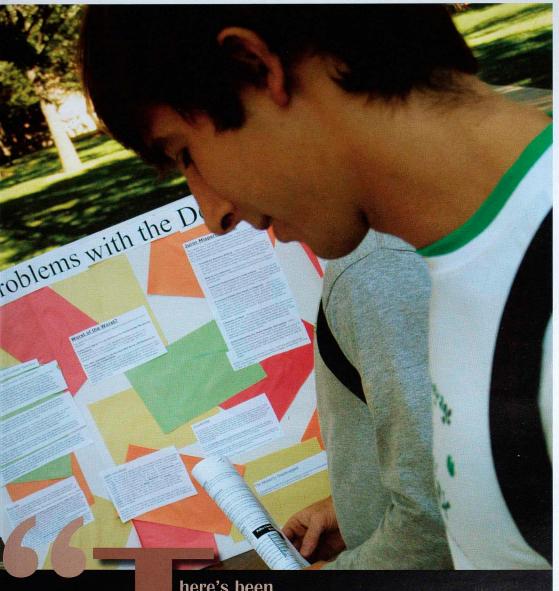
The premiere of Death Penalty Awareness Week proved to be satisfactory.

"There's been campus dialogue outside of Newman Center and Amnesty that's already happened since Sister Prejeau's presentation," said senior Elizabeth Hobbs, Amnesty International member.

Pleased with the positive response, both groups hoped to make Death Penalty Awareness Week an annual event.

> Freshman Tony Bell stops at the Amnesty International table to learn about the disadvantages of the death penalty.

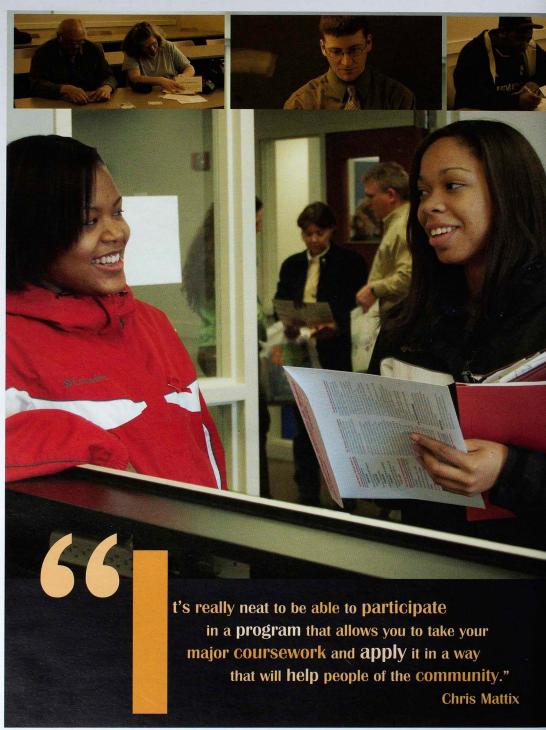
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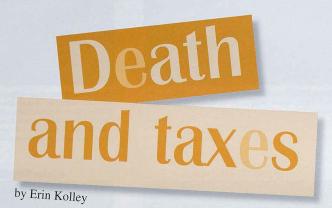


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Many americans dreaded tax day, and students were no exception. Beta Alpha Psi helped ease this distress.

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program was a nationwide program sponsored by the Internal Revenue Service to provide tax services to the local community. Although two other places in Kirksville provided VITA services, Beta Alpha Psi organized the only weekend sessions available during February and March. The on-campus program was offered to University students as well as Kirksville residents.

"The goal is to help people in underserved areas like Northeast Missouri with services that would normally be charged for," said senior Chris Mattix, member of Beta Alpha Psi.

There were several benefits for people having their taxes filed through the program. The first was the rigorous review process, said Alan Davis, associate professor of accounting. Two graduate students reviewed the completed returns before they were submitted. In addition, the returns were electronically filed, so the clients received their returns in about a week instead of waiting between four and five weeks for the return to arrive.

There were also benefits for the volunteers such as learning more about filing taxes and taking the opportunity to put their educations to work.

"Community service that we do in college is somewhat limited to fundraising, bake sales, canned food drives, that type of thing," Mattix said. "It's really neat to be able to participate in a program that allows you to take your major coursework and apply it in a way that will help people of the community."

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African Students Association



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Alpha Chi Sigma



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Tiffany Johnson, Ashley Adams, Cindy Thomas, Britney Hendricks, Ashley Hawkins, Wynter Rice

Alpha Kappa Lambda



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FRONT ROW: Joe Baumann, Deana Judah, Ryan Lewis BACK ROW: Heidi Kaplan, Scott Lesinski, Josh Lefler

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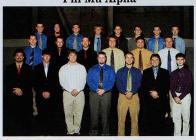
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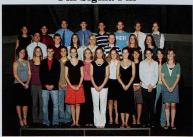
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FRONT ROW: Gerardo Delgado, Ben Dansby, Clint Worthington BACK ROW: Jonathan Grant, JC Scholfield, Michael Foster, Alex Boles

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FRONT ROW: Megan Dye, Sarah Watson, Meredith Skaggs, Melissa Brockman, Amanda Rhodes, Amanda Senn, Annie Haynes SECOND ROW: Paige Mundhenke, Kellie Oppermann, Catherine Lahart, Kristen Overson, Kate Carlson, Lauren High, Sarah Hinch BACK ROW: Duyen Van, Nina Lane, Rachel Chartrand, Heather Mallett, Missy Hastings, Kalen Ponche, Josie Bolanowski, Shelley Coffman

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Tau Lambda Sigma



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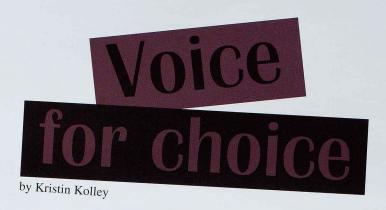
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VOICES FOR PLANNED PARENTHOOD, THE NATIONAL STUDENT COALITION FOR PLANNED PARENTHOOD, shared their message through more than words alone.

The Voices for Planned Parenthood, or VOX, chapter at Truman State University was the only one in the state of Missouri. The seven-member organization worked with oncampus supporters, helping Planned Parenthood with various fundraisers.

"We're in a pretty conservative area, so sometimes you feel like you are the only people, like when you are sitting in that room every week at the meeting, you're like 'Oh, we must be the only six people in Kirksville that are for this movement,'" junior Deborah Miller said. "It's great when we get to see a wide age range and a good turnout for fundraisers."

VOX organized an annual "chocolate lovers" fundraiser. "Chocolate lovers" offered students all the chocolate they could eat for five dollars per person. The event was accompanied by a silent auction with part of the proceeds going to Planned Parenthood.

"Condoms on the Quad" was organized every semester, and members distributed health packs containing condoms, candy and health information. VOX also organized "Sex in the Dark," during which students could ask anything they would otherwise be too embarrassed to ask.

"Our focus is prevention first," chairwoman junior Marie Weichold said. "... We want [women] to prevent unwanted pregnancies to begin with, so our real push is prevention first, ... and hopefully abortion will cease to be such a huge issue."

In addition to working with Planned Parenthood, the group also participated with the Northeast Missouri branch of the National Organization for Women in the annual Choice Chain.

While promoting their stance and supporting Planned Parenthood, VOX members worked to minimize negative stereotypes.

"I think a lot of times when people hear Planned Parenthood they automatically think, 'Abortion, abortion,' but that's not what we're all about," Weichold said. "We are prochoice because we are an organization associated with Planned Parenthood, but our biggest push is for sexual responsibility, so use contraceptive and be responsible."



WITH EACH ITEM DROPPED INTO A CAMPUS RECYCLING BIN, STUDENTS CAME CLOSER TO WINNING BRAGGING RIGHTS.

RecycleMania, originally a small contest between two universities, was a 10-week competition to see which school could recycle the most. In 2007, Truman State University joined 200 other colleges and universities participating nationwide.

"Since we already have the facility for recycling, we really haven't had to do a whole lot of planning [for the contest]," said sophomore Hallie Lambert, a student worker for the Recycling Center.

Howard Worcester, recycling/surplus coordinator, first heard of the contest at a Missouri Recycle Association conference. Believing his own recycling program could be a strong competitor, he signed up the University for RecycleMania's Per Capita Classic.

"This year was kind of getting our feet wet, and we're doing it, and we're doing very well," Worcester said. "... Our goal this year is to get within the top 10, and then next year we want to win it all."

The University gave a strong showing early, remaining in the nation's top 20 and first in Missouri after the second week.

Worcester had noticed an increase in donation of recyclables during RecycleMania, but it was just a small part of a growing trend for the University. Student workers for the Recycling Center also observed the progress.

"I wouldn't say that I've noticed much of a difference just in this competition, but ... [in nearly four years] I've noticed a change, like in the amount of recycling that is put out from the dorms ... and also the dining halls," senior Jason Hull said.

Lambert said that in addition to campus involvement, the Kirksville community's contributions also helped.

Hull agreed that the community supported the Recycling Center and contributed to its success.

"In general, I think that, even without the competition, most people know that we have a pretty good recycling program here at Truman," he said.

RecycleMania let the University's recycling efforts shine.

"I'm proud of our students, and I'm proud of our faculty and staff," Worcester said. "They've really stepped forward for this competition, and I just want to see it carry over."

Truman reached their first-year goal and placed 9th at the end of the 10-week competition. The University also finished 4th in the bottles and cans category.

Alpha Phi Omega volunteer junior Jennifer Schubert sorts recyclables at the University's Recycling Center. Photos by Hope Slaby



WHILE MANY STUDENTS CONSIDERED TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY TO BE AN EXCEPTIONALLY SAFE CAMPUS, STUDENTS COULD NEVER BE TOO PREPARED. In an effort to equip students with skills and knowledge, the women of service sorority Delta Sigma Theta sponsored a self-defense seminar during their annual week of service, known as Delta Week.

"We want all our events to be interactive and so people can leave with a little bit of knowledge about a certain subject," said senior Danielle Leveston, president of the national public service sorority.

Vice president senior Kelly Haley agreed.

"It was important for us to do something like the self-defense seminar, because you want to help women to learn techniques to help them defend themselves, especially on a college campus."

Chad Whittom, Department of Public Safety sergeant, taught the seminar. He began with a presentation about how to be safer in everyday life and then demonstrated self-defense maneuvers in different situations, allowing the participants to practice with one another.

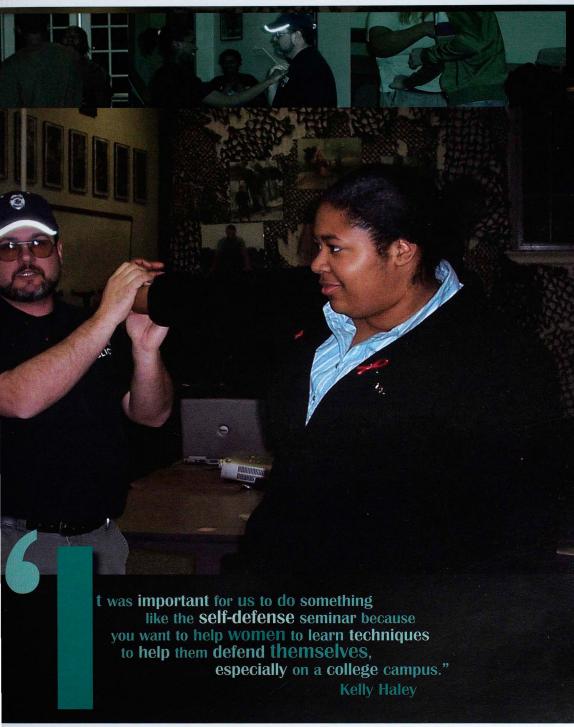
"He did mostly party scenes, like if a guy is trying to harass you, and he did one where you can just push a guy out the way with just your fist, and that's it," Haley said. "Just touch their hip and just push them out of your way."

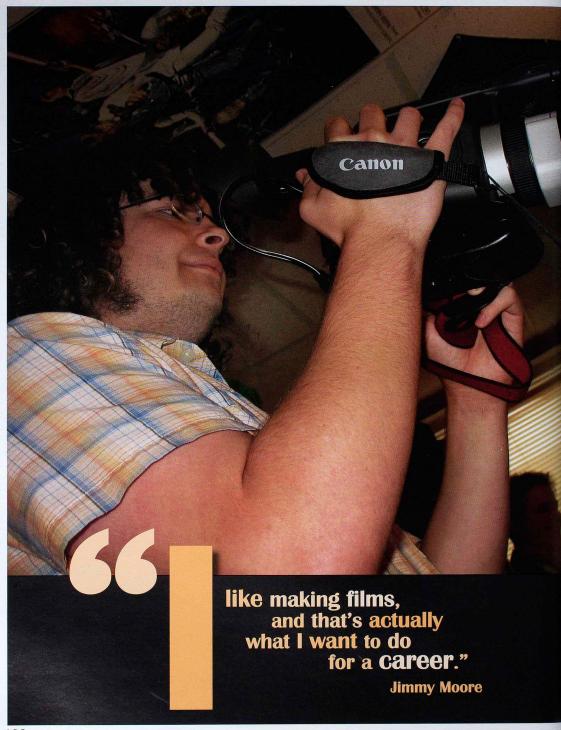
Whittom also covered how to get out of a chokehold or a bear hug and how to break an attacker's fingers. The event had a positive turnout — four members and 15 students — in its first year.

"I would definitely think about doing it again," Leveston said.

Self-defense techniques were practical and useful in everyday life.

"I think some people did take it to heart what they were learning, and hopefully they'll practice it and keep it with them," Haley said.







by Jenna Keeven

Many students enjoyed watching movies, but few helped with original PRODUCTIONS. Filmmakers Club, however, was an organization devoted to just that.

Filmmakers Club was a group of students who wrote, produced and directed short films around campus and throughout Kirksville. Each semester, they produced one or two pieces. Filmmakers Club also screened independent movies in Magruder Hall.

Junior Clint Worthington, president of Filmmakers Club, got involved in the organization his freshman year. Worthington directed a science fiction film in fall 2006 called "Methuselah." His favorite experience with the club, however, was filming a scene from "My Zombie Valentine," which debuted in spring 2007. The scene included a cast of about 25 people-much larger than the usual cast of six to 12 actors, Worthington said.

"It was a big sense of camaraderie and cooperation there, and it went really smoothly, and it was a lot of fun," he said.

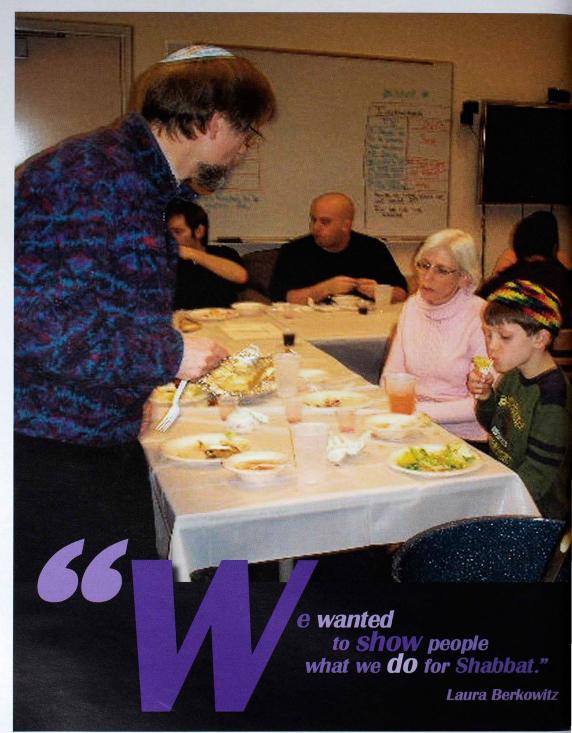
Worthington also said "My Zombie Valentine" was his favorite film, aside from those he directed.

"It was really well put together," he said. "So many elements came together. You could tell we spent a lot of time working on it."

Sophomore Jimmy Moore directed the production. Moore said directing was his favorite part of filmmaking.

Filmmakers Club gave interested students the opportunity to flex their creativity as well as gain valuable experience.

"I like making films, and that's actually what I want to do for a career," Moore said.





OFTEN TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENTS DID NOT MAKE TIME TO REST. The Jewish organization, Hillel, literally brought "rest," or Shabbat, to campus.

Shabbat was a day to set aside daily concerns and focus on family and friends. Hillel usually observed Shabbat once each month within its organization, but on Feb. 16, 2007, it sponsored a campus-wide Shabbat dinner with Jewish and interfaith friends.

"We wanted to show people what we do for Shabbat," junior Laura Berkowitz said.

The multipurpose room in the West Campus Suites was filled to capacity as people from different faiths came together to experience the Jewish Shabbat.

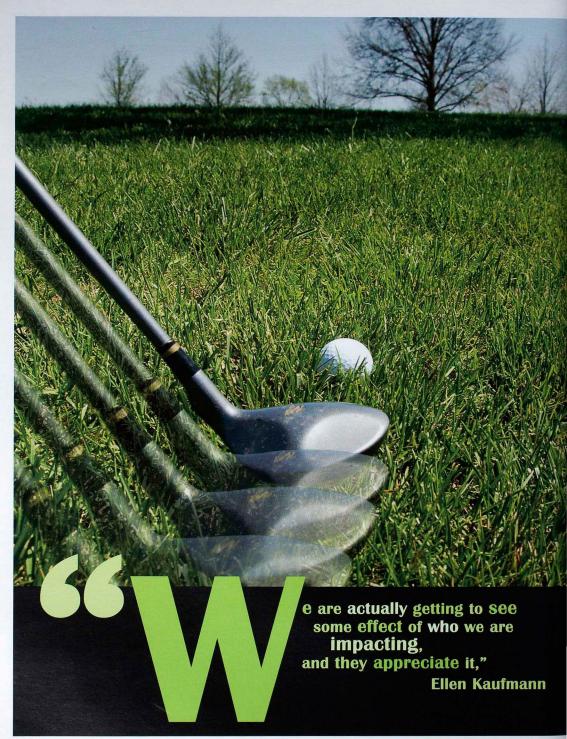
The night began with blessings of the candles, wine and bread. Hillel prepared a traditional Jewish meal, and the smell of challah, braided bread and matzah ball soup filled the room. Students enjoyed homemade blintz (dough filled with cream cheese) and keugel (a noodle dish with cheese, raisins and cinnamon).

The event was the first campus-wide Shabbat dinner, but members hoped it would not be the last. Hillel wanted to make an on-campus observation of the Shabbat an annual or

In an effort to educate the campus about the Jewish faith, Hillel sponsored more than just the Shabbat dinner.

"Hillel organized Israeli dancing [and the] Hebrew Read-a-Thon, and we are going to [be] doing something for Holocaust Remembrance Week," Berkowitz said.

Members of Hillel wanted Jewish students to know that they were not alone and that Truman had an active Jewish community. The small organization had big ideas about how to share its faith.





GOLF AND FAMILY BONDING EXPERIENCES CHARACTERIZED THE 2007 DELTA ZETA SWING FOR SOUND BEGINNINGS GOLF TOURNAMENT. The event raised money for Sound Beginnings, a program promoting awareness of early screening for and intervention of hearing loss in infants.

As part of DZ's Parents Weekend, the tournament brought in \$100 of the \$1902 that was raised for Sound Beginnings.

"We didn't have as many people sign up as we would have liked, but we raised the same amount of money we raise every year," said junior Tina Pokorney, DZ Philanthropy Chair.

In 2004, the national DZ organization collaborated with the National Center for Hearing Assessment and Management to add Sound Beginnings to the programs supported under the sorority's speech and hearing philanthropy. DZ National partnered with many charitable groups, and individual collegiate and alumnae DZ chapters across the nation chose one to support.

Senior Ellen Kaufmann said the University's DZ chapter chose to support Sound Beginnings because she had heard good things about the program, and it proved to be a rewarding experience for the chapter.

"We get thank you cards and pictures from people we are able to help," she said. "We are actually getting to see some effect of who we are impacting, and they appreciate it."



Many students had long forgotten the pleasures of a pajama party, and some had forgotten the large number of Africans suffering from malaria. Members of the American Medical Students Association teamed up with Veto the 'Squito to raise money for Malaria No More, an advocacy group that would use donations to send bed nets to families in Africa.

"Several people can sleep under a bed net, and it only costs \$10 to produce, ship in, deliver and train people how to use the bed net," AMSA member sophomore Lindsay Allan said.

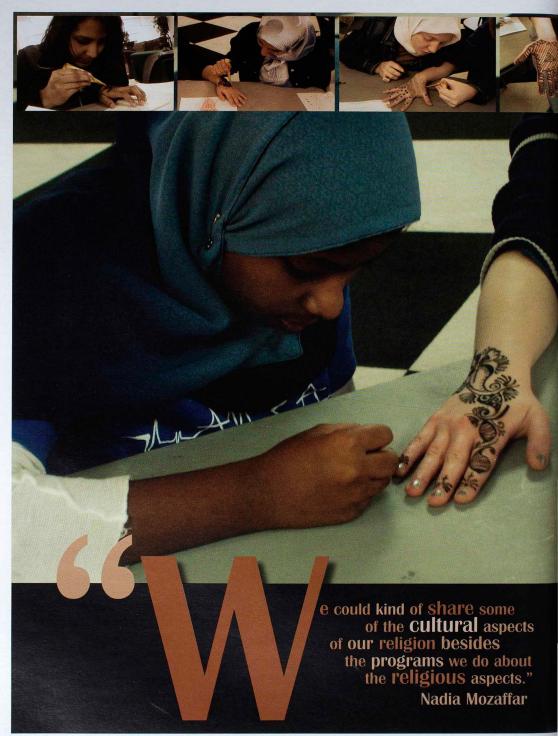
Veto the 'Squito offered many ideas for advocacy events, and among those was a pajama party. AMSA decided the planetarium in Magruder Hall would be the perfect place.

"We just thought that a pajama party would be something fun, something that people would enjoy doing, something that's not so serious, but it's a good way still to get people educated about malaria," AMSA member sophomore Christine Lin said. "I think we had around 20 people show up. I know it doesn't seem like a lot, but this is our first year doing it, so hopefully in future years we'll be able to get more people to come."

The members of AMSA would likely continue in their malaria advocacy efforts in following years. Such awareness campaigns had lasting effects.

"AMSA really has a lot of hands in issues around the world, so I've been made aware of it, and it's really hard to turn your back on something like that," Allan said.







THE MUSLIM STUDENTS ASSOCIATION TATTOOED THEIR WAY TO THE MSA NATIONAL CENTRAL ZONE CONFERENCE IN DEARBORN, MICH. MSA's henna tattoo fundraiser was a two-day event that ran from Feb. 24-25, 2007.

"We were constantly busy," said junior Nadia Mozaffar, social events coordinator. "We actually had to turn people away because there's no time, like no time, for our artists to get to everybody."

Mozaffar said MSA raised about \$300, which helped fund the group's trip to the conference. Because the fundraiser was such a hit, Mozaffar said they had a do-it-yourself event on March 21 to teach students how to do their own henna tattoos and to explain a little about the history behind this body art.

"We could kind of share some of the cultural aspects of our religion besides the programs we do about the religious aspects," Mozaffar said.

Mozaffar said henna tattoos began in 12th-century India and spread throughout the Middle East, becoming part of Muslims' holidays and celebrations.

MSA president junior Andrea Cluck said henna was made from plant leaves which were crushed and mixed with water to form a paste. The henna had a certain amount of pigment that penetrated skin cells, making them either orange or brown, she said.

Cluck said the tattoos last from one to two weeks.

"Long enough to freak your parents out," she said.

A couple of weeks after the tattoos had faded, Cluck enjoyed the benefits from the fundraiser as she and other MSA members boarded a plane to Michigan.



WHILE SOME GREEK ORGANIZATIONS FOLLOWED TRADITIONAL METHODS FOR PHI-LANTHROPY PROJECTS, social fraternity Alpha Kappa Lambda deviated from the norm. Each year, AKL spent dozens of man-hours converting their fraternity house into a haunted house, donating most proceeds to the American Cancer Society while the rest covered construction expenses.

"It involves a lot of building for the first two weeks in advance," AKL member sophomore Ryan Dietz said. "We build the frame and put up [temporary] walls in the house. We clear the trail. We just kind of dress it up for Halloween."

AKL members used scare tactics such as ghosts, bodies under leaves and hanging from trees and a maze-like room with suspended blood-stained sheets.

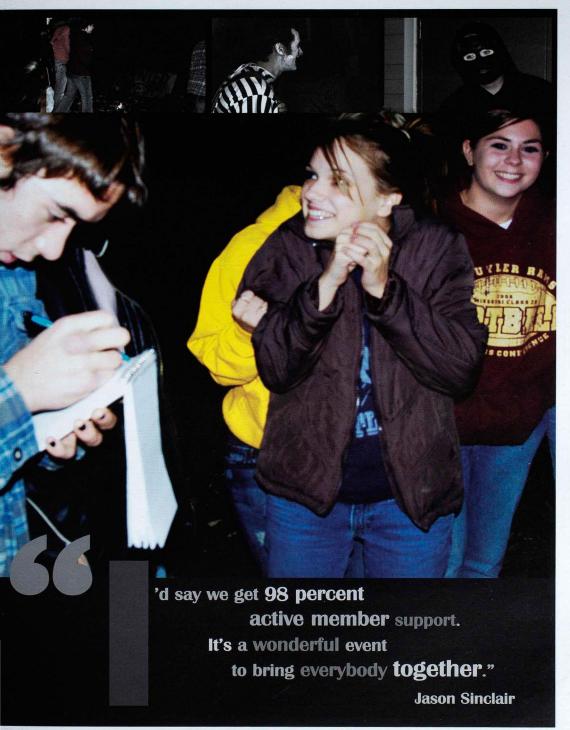
Unlike normal haunted houses, however, this one could be adjusted to different levels of scariness. Truman State University students, Kirksville community members and residents from surrounding cities attended the event, producing an age range that required the haunted house to be toned down in some cases.

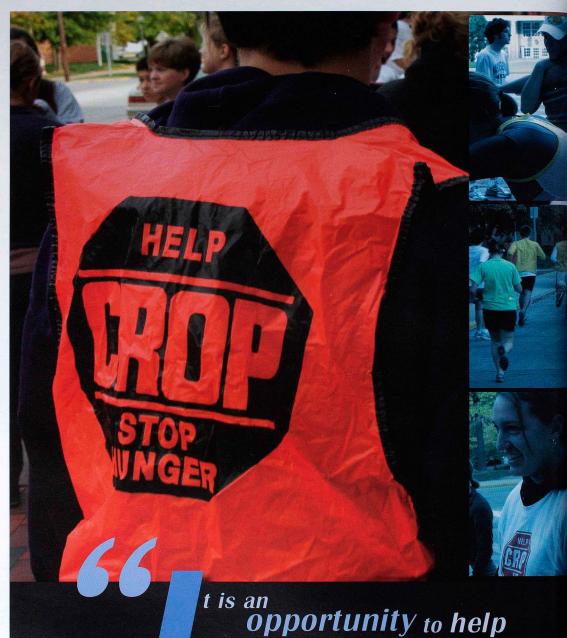
"We have code words along the way," AKL member sophomore Jason Sinclair said. "[There are] people coordinating on which kind of setting we have and how it's going on. If we have kids of a younger age who don't want to get scared, then we use walkie-talkies and set the entire haunted house up for the next group coming through."

The fraternity's family-oriented haunted house not only drew community support to raise money for charity, but it also brought together the AKL brothers.

"I'd say we get 98 percent active member support," Sinclair said. "It's a wonderful event to bring everybody together."

College students become kids again as they anticipate the scares that await them inside the AKL haunted house. Photos by Chris Waller





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MORE THAN 50 INDIVIDUALS TOOK PART IN A SEPT. 30 WALK TO HELP FIGHT HUNGER AND AID LOCAL AND GLOBAL RELIEF EFFORTS. Truman State University's Lutheran Student Fellowship sponsored the walk—a Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty program.

Senior Lutheran Student Fellowship members Jenna Keeven, Maryellen Harman and Nicole Epema planned the 5K run/walk for CROP, a subsidiary of Church World Services. They said they were pleased with the large turnout.

"Our goal was just to have people come," Harman said.

Not only did the CROP Walk give participants a chance to test their endurance, but it also provided them an opportunity to support those less fortunate.

"A lot of people want to help but don't know how," Harman said. "[The CROP Walk] is an opportunity to help a lot of people with all sorts of needs."

Participants entered by contributing a minimum of \$5. The Lutheran Student Fellowship also collected donations prior to the race day. The organization raised more than \$400 to support the CROP Walk.

The desire to help others was a common theme among participants, including junior Grace DelNero who ran to support the cause.

"I want to do all of the charity runs," she said.

Runner freshman Caleb Stanek heard about the CROP Walk the night before the race and decided to participate.

"[I] thought it was a good idea and a good cause," he said.

All participants received a prize ranging from T-shirts and planners to various food gift certificates, but the ultimate reward was the opportunity to help those in need.

University students line up on the street in front of Centennial Hall Saturday morning to participate in the three-mile

Photos by Roger Meissen

The art of argument

by Emmy Thomson

 T HE CLOCK WAS TICKING, AND TWO STUDENTS HAD ONLY 20 MINUTES TO PREPARE AN ARGUMENT. This was what a parliamentary debate tournament was all about for the Truman State University Forensic Union.

Senior Trevor Alexander said competitors participated in many different types of debate and individual events at these tournaments, such as interpretation of literature, extemporaneous speech, parliamentary debate and the Lincoln Douglas debate, a one-onone policy debate.

The topics of parliamentary debate, however, changed each round and ranged from the very specific to the rather abstract.

"Every argument ... was something an average liberally-educated person should know," junior Stefani Wittenauer said.

Wittenauer and junior Dylan Rothermel said the University's Forensic Union included varsity, junior varsity and developmental teams.

Participants competed in tournaments at different colleges across the country. Tournaments involved debate and speech, but not all competitors were involved in both.

"You concentrate in one area and dabble in another," Rothermel said.

Wittenauer and Rothermel said a tournament began with six preliminary rounds. After these rounds, the top 16 teams moved on to elimination rounds.

"It's just like preseason and postseason in any sport," Rothermel said. "[The teams] eliminate like a normal bracket."

The University's Forensics Union took second at the National Parliamentary Debate Association Championship Tournament in 2005 and won the same tournament in 2004.

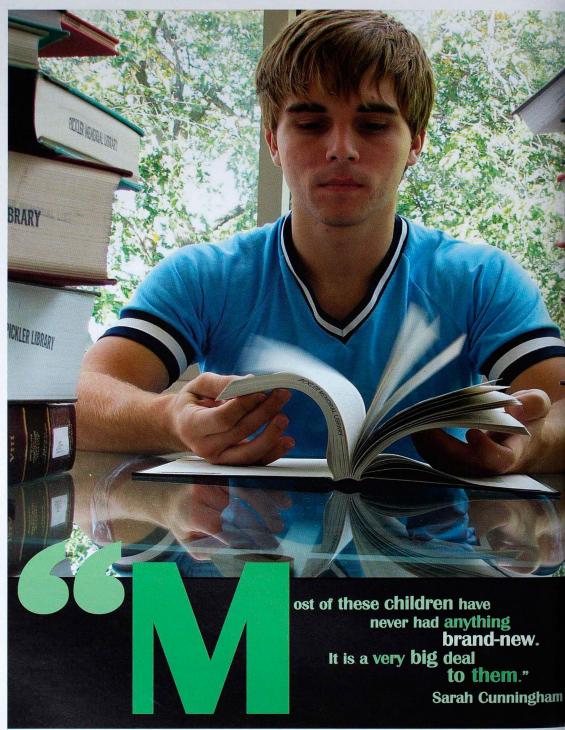
Alexander, Wittenauer and Rothermel, all Varsity competitors, broke into elimination rounds at the first two tournaments of the year, signaling another promising season for the Forensics Union.

> Members of the Forensic Union took time to enjoy the San Diego scenery after the Pt. Loma Nazarene University debate



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THE INSPIRATION FOR COED BUSINESS FRATERNITY DELTA SIGMA PI'S SEPT. 30 READ-A-THON CAME FROM AN UNLIKELY SOURCE: SENIOR SARAH CUNNINGHAM'S

Cunningham, the Risk Management chair for the organization, did what many Truman State University students did at some point during the summer: gasped at her packed upcoming fall schedule. After complaining to her father about the daunting months ahead, Cunningham said she realized something.

"[My dad said] 'You are so lucky to have these opportunities," she said.

Cunningham's father began to tell her about children who attended the slum school in Pune, India.

"Those are the schools for the poorest kids," Cunningham said. "They don't have school supplies, clothes or shoes."

She said after hearing about the children, she said she wanted to take action. Cunningham decided to help sponsor the Read-a-Thon, which lasted from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

"We read for 10 hours out on the Quad and had people sponsor us per hour that we read," she said.

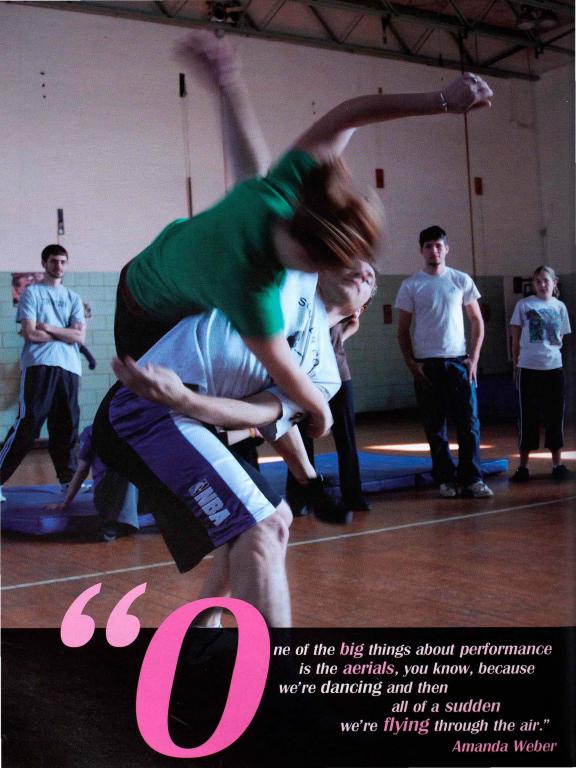
About 15 people participated in the Read-a-Thon, and the event raised about \$500, Cunningham said.

Senior Sarin Vaidya, whose father sponsored him, participated in the Read-a-Thon because he wanted to support the cause, he said.

"I'm from Nepal, and it's close to India, and I know how it feels," Vaidya said. "I think I'm fortunate to be here [at the University] and study, but there are a lot less fortunate kids that can't study."

The money raised would go a long way in India, Cunningham said.

"One dollar will buy all the basic school supplies, and \$15 will buy them a brand-new set of clothing and shoes," Cunningham said. "Most of these children have never had anything brand-new. It is a very big deal to them."





FLYING THROUGH THE AIR WAS NOT COMMON AMONG MOST STUDENTS, BUT FOR THE UNIVERSITY SWINGERS' PERFORMANCE TEAM, IT WAS A FAMILIAR PART OF LIFE. The Swingers enjoyed using this talent and wanted to share it with other students.

Swingers held their annual aerial workshop Nov. 11 to demonstrate the moves they incorporated into their performances. The workshop included two sections—basic and advanced. Students paid \$5 for the basic workshop or \$7 for both.

Moves ranged from "basic flip" and "sexy slide" to "humiliation" and "saxophone."

"Some people are a little hesitant to try some of the advanced aerials," Swingers president senior Ashley Styczynski said.

Secretary junior Amanda Weber said the team took precautions to avoid any injuries. Swingers laid out spotting mats prior to the event and made sure they had an adequate number of spotters.

Because aerials were not part of social swing dancing, the Swingers did not teach those techniques at the weekly Wednesday night swing dancing sessions. However, in performance swing dancing, aerials were what caught people's attention.

"One of the big things about performance is the aerials, you know, because we're dancing and then all of a sudden we're flying through the air," Weber said, "And that's what makes us different or that makes us cool to watch, so giving everybody else the chance to do it, I think, is a really awesome thing."



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Sam Hodge



T WAS A BRISK EVENING, AND A SMALL GROUP GATHERED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF KIRK MEMORIAL BUILDING. With candles in hand, they were prepared to move. This was no ordinary walk - it was the March of Solidarity.

"The March of Solidarity is for all people regardless of race, class, gender, identity, creed or sexual orientation," said junior Sam Hodge, co-coordinator of the march.

The candles were a symbol showing how a single flame - much like one voice could light up a little darkness, whereas a torch - like many voices - could light up an

"Become aware of what is going on in your world and definitely do something about it," co-coordinator sophomore Matt Felzke said. "Go light your world."

The march ended as participants circled around the Centennial Flame. After reading the lyrics to John Lennon's "Imagine," Felzke offered different examples of discrimination and asked the marchers to blow out their candles if they had experienced certain types of prejudice. As he read, more and more flames were extinguished.

"People sometimes hesitated when certain statements were made, but you could tell that they were thinking about it, and then they would blow their candle out," said senior Justis Tuia, who marched in the event.



A LATIN DANCE CRAZE HAD BEEN SWEEPING THE COUNTRY FOR SEVERAL YEARS, AND OCT. 6, IT CAME TO TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY WITH THE LATIN DANCE FIESTA. The Hispanic American Leadership Organization partnered with the Multicultural Affairs Center to sponsor the dance.

Senior Nohemi Alvarez, HALO secretary, played an integral role in putting the event together.

"We did it with Multicultural Affairs Center," Alvarez said. "They're always great at helping us out."

HALO sponsored several activities throughout September to promote Hispanic Heritage Month. The Latin dance, the most popular and best-attended event, was the finale.

"There were maybe 20 or 30 people there at a time," said HALO member freshman Jillian Lopez. "For publicity we chalked and spread the word mostly by word of mouth."

While Latin dancing was a popular way to attract students, the majority of the University's students had never learned traditional Latin dances such as the salsa and the meringue.

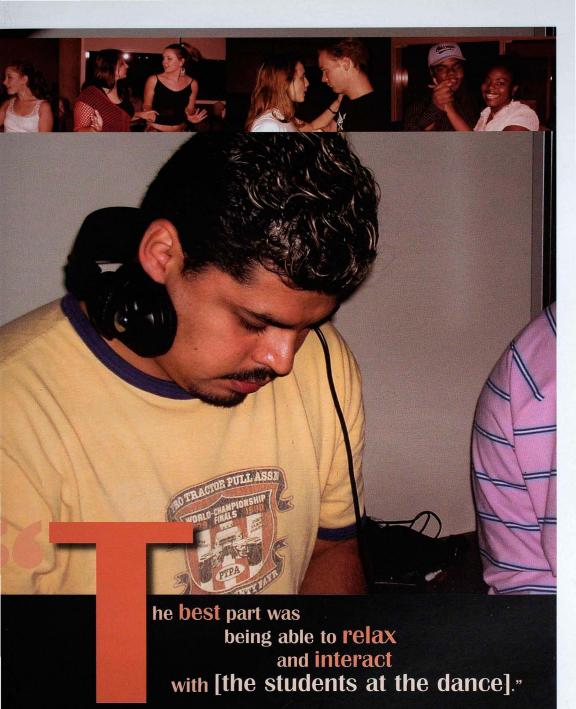
"The hard thing was getting the DJ and dancers [to teach]," HALO member senior David Bonner said.

Organizers designed the dance as a way to open students up to diversity as well as providing a fun Friday night activity that had a unique atmosphere.

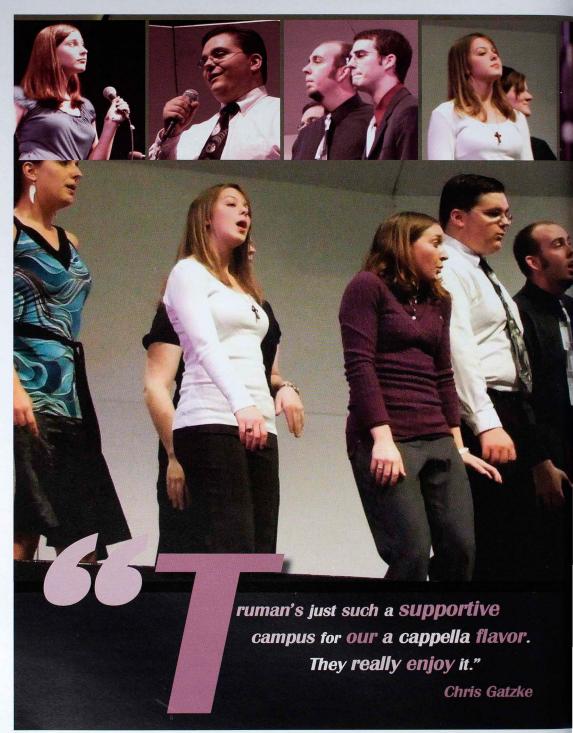
"The best part was being able to relax and interact with [the students at the dance]," Bonner said.

DJ Gonzalo Aguilera keeps the Latin beats going until the night of dancing is over.

Photos by Samantha Sanchez



David Bonner





Hitting the high notes by Emily Randall

New performers, streamlined programming and extra funding helped BOOST THE 2006 A CAPPELLA FEST TO A NEW LEVEL.

Sweet Nothings, Truman State University's coed a cappella group, performed at A Cappella Fest for the first time. Other performers included Add 9 from University of Missour-Columbia, the Bare Naked Statues from St. Louis University and the Beartones from Missouri State University.

Junior Graeme Allen, business manager for True Men, planned the event and was in charge of bringing the groups to the University.

"We were able to invite quite a few new groups that hadn't seen Truman yet," Allen said.

In addition to having new performers, True Men decided to cut intermission, minimize the transition between groups and adjust the beginning of the program.

"This year I opted to have a quick introduction," Allen said. "That helped things move pretty quickly."

True Men and Minor Detail alternated hosting duties for A Cappella Fest.

"This year True Men took over," said senior Molly Hastings, public relations chair for Minor Detail. "I think it's a great event — it's free and at a convenient time."

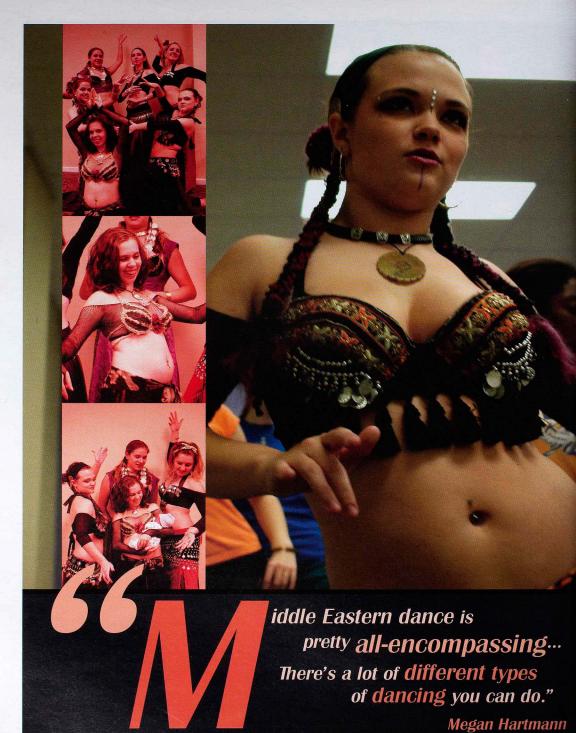
Financial support from the University's Funds Allotment Council allowed True Men to provide hotel rooms and food for performers.

Students filled Baldwin Auditorium to enjoy the showcase of vocal talent.

"What's great is to hear the other groups say, 'How do you get so many people here?" said sophomore Chris Gatzke, Sweet Nothings member.

During the performance, one singer from the Beartones said the active support from University students was something not found at MSU.

"Truman's just such a supportive campus for our a cappella flavor," Gatzke said. "They really enjoy it."





SOPHOMORE ASHLEY TOMTEN HELPED CREATE ONE OF THE NEWEST ORGANIZATIONS AT TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY—the University Society of Middle Eastern Dance. Beginning in 2005, Tomten, president and co-founder of USMED, worked with other students to make the group a reality.

Students with previous dance experience helped form the group, which then evolved into a 40-member organization.

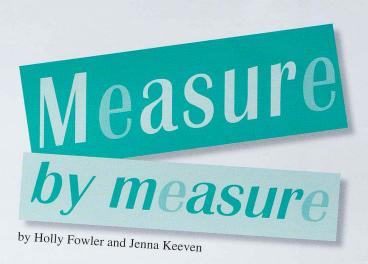
"It's pretty good for a brand-new club," yoga instructor senior Meredith Venable said.

Most members of USMED had danced at the University with the Truman Society of Dance Arts before forming their own organization. USMED held weekly meetings that took place after the TSODA meetings. Most USMED members remained active in both organizations.

While TSODA offered all types of dance, USMED wanted the opportunity to focus only on the aspects of Middle Eastern dance.

"Middle Eastern dance is pretty all-encompassing," vice president junior Megan Hartmann said. "There's a lot of different types of dances you can do."

USMED developed seven classes, including beginner and intermediate belly dancing, tribal belly dancing, props, yoga, poi and strengthening. All seven classes were available by the end of the fall 2006 semester.



VOICES RESONATED AS STUDENTS WALKED THROUGH THE DOOR, AND SONGS OF PRAISE AND WORSHIP FILLED THE ROOM. This was a typical experience during a practice of the Unique Ensemble Gospel Choir.

Unique Ensemble prepared for performances by practicing every Wednesday night for two hours and every Saturday afternoon for one hour, starting the second week of school.

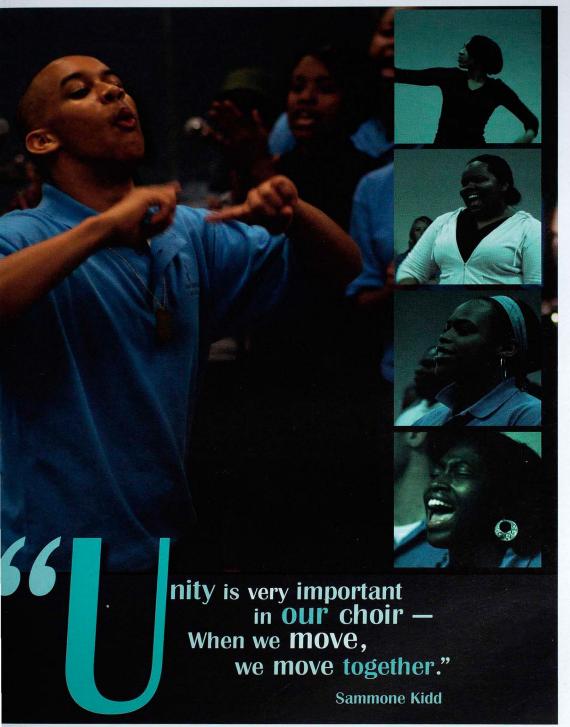
During one of the rehearsals for the Oct. 22 Homecoming concert, the group worked on movements to accompany the songs.

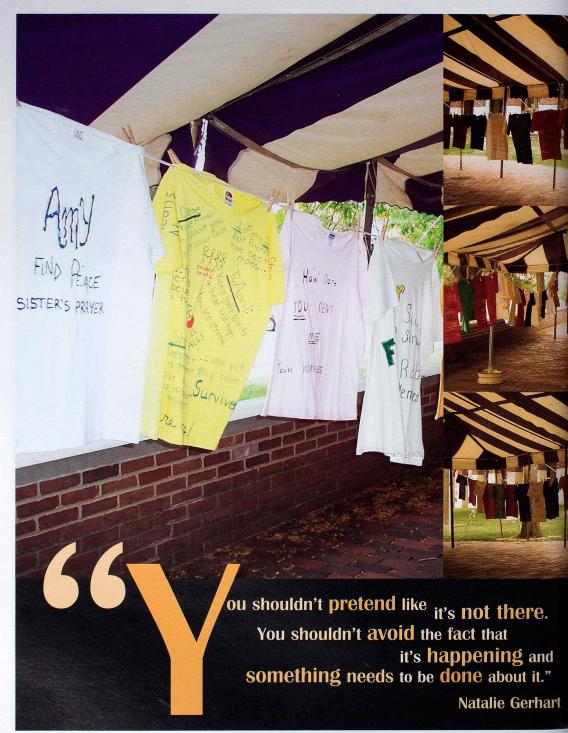
"Unity is very important in our choir," sophomore Sammone Kidd said. "When we move, we move together."

Sophomore Maurice Mathis, director of Unique Ensemble, said that a lot of work was put into the annual Homecoming concert, with preparations beginning in the summer. He searched for music to fit the choir's fun and spiritual personality.

Sophomore Brandy Holmes, who had been a member since her freshman year, said the group's atmosphere was laid-back.

"I always look forward to coming to Unique because it's just so lifting," Holmes said.







ROWS OF SHIRTS LINED THE MALL THE WEEK OF SEPT. 25. These shirts marked the 10th year the Women's Resource Center had sponsored Rape Awareness Week and an integral part of the week's events-the Clothesline Project.

"[The Clothesline Project] is a nationwide program that is done every year to honor and support the survivors of domestic assault, rape and sexual assault," WRC director senior Annie Schippers said. "We do it every year in conjunction with Rape Awareness Week. It's our main project."

On Thursday of Rape Awareness Week, people gathered in Baldwin Hall to create the shirts that would be displayed with the shirt collection the following year. Everyone was invited to design a shirt for the project.

"It's meant to be an outlet for people who have had something happen to them, or know someone who has had something happen to them, or just have something to say about it," said senior Natalie Gerhart, WRC staff coordinator.

The WRC provided the shirts and the materials needed to decorate them. Schippers said all of the shirts on display were made by survivors or in honor of survivors in Kirksville and the surrounding areas.

"Some of those shirts are really, really powerful," Gerhart said. "It was good that people had to walk through that and they had to be around it, because that's kind of what rape is. You shouldn't pretend like it's not there. You shouldn't avoid the fact that it's happening, and something needs to be done about it."



THE WOMEN OF THE SOCIETY OF THE PRIM ROSES WERE ALL IN AT THEIR TEXAS HOLD 'EM PHILANTHROPY EVENT.

Sophomore Jessie Wolz organized the Nov. 14 poker tournament to raise money for Prevent Child Abuse in Missouri, a nonprofit organization.

With a \$10 buy-in and an iPod Nano first-place prize, Wolz hoped to draw both men and women to play in the tournament.

"I know a lot of people that love [poker] ... that have little poker tournaments by themselves and organize their own," Wolz said. "And I was like, 'You know what, I can make that a philanthropy event and raise money by people just having fun and doing what they're already doing."

President junior Sara Barnes said the Prim Roses reached their goal of 30 poker players and raised \$300.

"We were really excited, since it was our first poker tournament, to have so many people come out, and [we] raised a significant amount of money for Prevent Child Abuse in Missouri," Barnes said.

The stakes were high as participants in the poker tournament helped raise money to prevent child abuse in the area.

Photos by Roger Meissen





${f P}$ LAYING BASKETBALL IN A WHEELCHAIR BROUGHT A WHOLE NEW CHALLENGE TO THE GAME.

Student Council for Exceptional Children sponsored a tournament, which allowed students to compete in three-on-three basketball in wheelchairs. SCEC scheduled the Nov. 19 event to promote community awareness of people with disabilities.

Teams could participate in the tournament for \$15. Proceeds would go to the Northeast Missouri Special Olympics, another event planned by SCEC.

"Most people associate our organization with Special Olympics," said senior Julie Wynn, SCEC student director. "We wanted to promote community awareness in addition to [that event]."

SCEC started planning the tournament in the 2005-2006 school year. At the statewide Special Olympics in Columbia, Mo., members began discussing what events they could put on in addition to the Northeast Missouri Special Olympics.

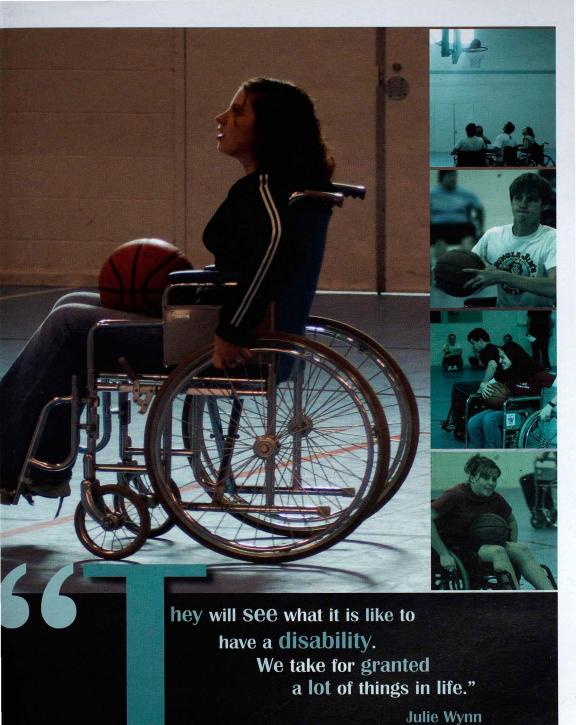
"[University of Missouri-Columbia] was doing this event," SCEC president junior Cassie Morrow said. "We saw the banner up for it and thought it was a good idea."

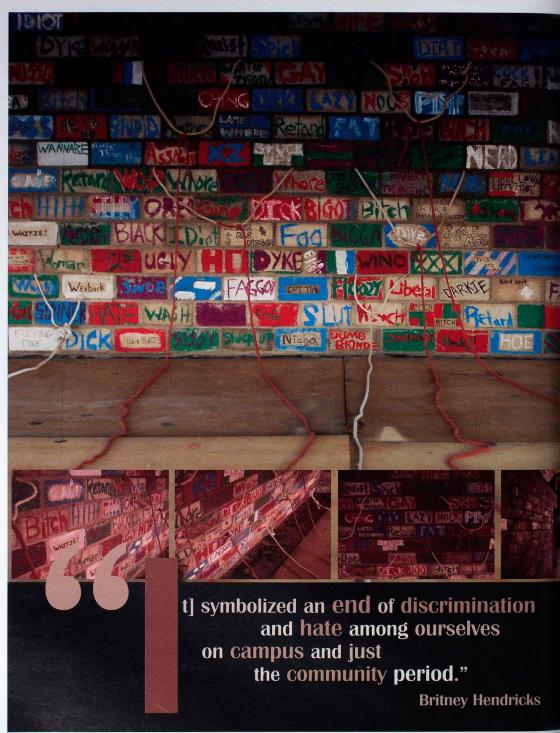
The group discovered the activity was simple to plan. After Rural Advocates for Independent Living donated wheelchairs, SCEC found a place to host the event—a court at the Student Recreation Center—and then publicized the tournament to encourage students to participate.

"They will see what it is like to have a disability," Wynn said. "We take for granted a lot of things in life."

Freshman Pat Goodwin begins to better understand the challenges of having a disability.

Photos by Colin Ellis







ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA BROKE DOWN THE WALL OF HATRED ONE BRICK AT A TIME.

For the social fraternity's service project, Alpha Kappa Alpha had bricks outside the Student Union Building Nov. 13-16 for students and faculty to paint with any hateful word they had ever been called such as "slut," "whore" or "fag." The Physical Plant built a wall using those bricks, and on Nov. 16 students grabbed the ropes embedded in the wall and pulled it down.

"[It] symbolized an end of discrimination and hate among ourselves on campus and just the community period," social chair sophomore Britney Hendricks said.

About 150 bricks built the four-foot-high wall.

"I thought the turnout was great," Hendricks said. "I didn't think we would build a wall as high [as we did]. We thought the wall would be smaller than four feet."

The cold weather did not prevent most students from painting the bricks, nor did it affect those manning the tables, where they handed out hot chocolate. For junior Tiffany Johnson, president of Alpha Kappa Alpha, standing in the cold was just part of the service

"I didn't mind standing out there," Johnson said. "I didn't mind painting bricks, I didn't mind handing out hot chocolate."

Johnson said she thought the event made a statement despite the freezing temperatures.

"There are people that are here that have been faced with the derogatory words or the racial comments or any negative comments that is affiliated with their religion, ethnicity or background, and people see that now," she said.

The wall stands tall as a symbol of hatred and discrimination before the students pull it down. Photos by Roger Meissen



CHRISTINE HARKER, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF ENGLISH, BEGAN TEACHING IRISH DANCE COURSES IN 2001. Truman State University offered a class in Ceilidh, a traditional Gaelic social dance, but Harker said students wanted more.

"It made sense to do it as a club," Harker said. "They could get more funds and bring in more people."

Harker said the Ceilidh Club performed as a guest at the Truman Society of Dance Arts recital every semester. Some years it also invited prominent Celtic performers to the University.

"We brought in some fairly significant people," Harker said. "One was Andy Stewart, who's probably one of the top 10 or 15 Scottish traditional singers in the world."

Junior Emma Pagel, co-president of Ceilidh Club, said she became interested in Irish dance after taking a class her senior year in high school.

Both Pagel and Harker emphasized the fun, laid-back atmosphere of Ceilidh Club. Harker explained there was an Irish word for fun: "craic," pronounced "crack."

"That's what we'd like to promote," Harker said. "Lots of good craic!"

Because of the lack of male members, freshman Kelly Merritt (left) and senior Marie Halley (right) dance with each other.

Photos by Evangeline McMullen



In touch With the past by Loretta Palmer

CHUCKING PUMPKINS AND PLAYING A GAME OF THREE-HEADED VIKING WERE JUST A COUPLE OF THE ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE to members of the Society for Creative Anachronism.

"It's a ton of fun," SCA member junior Kat Schneider said. "Anything that was done in the Middle Ages, you can do."

Schneider and other members of the SCA traveled almost every weekend to different events around Missouri. Members had the opportunity to participate in medieval dancing, heraldry, armor making, fighting and archery.

Schneider said the club focused on historical accuracy in reenacting the Middle Ages.

The members learned how to make their own costumes by looking online or in books or by talking with SCA members beyond the Truman State University community.

"We usually have some town people that come to our meetings," Schneider said. "It's not just for Truman students. ... We have doctors, lawyers—we have any profession that's in the real world. They do SCA on the weekends just because it lets them get away from normal society."

Another way the members learned about the Middle Ages was by picking a persona and a medieval name. SCA member senior Erin Roper went with a Middle Eastern persona and picked the name Sazila.

Beyond learning about history, Roper said the club gave participants an opportunity to meet genuine and friendly people.

"It is a different kind of club with different people," she said. "... It's a really great time. There is something for everyone in this club."

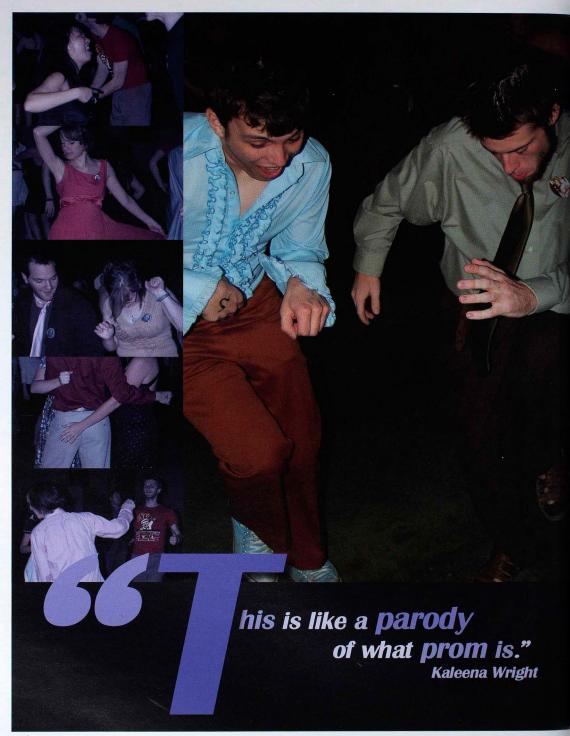
Seniors Erin Roper and Christina Stroetker participate in games and activities at one of SCA's weekend events

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Erin Roper



Casablanca meets colleg

by Emily Randall

TUXEDOS, FANCY DRESSES AND LIMOS DID NOT CHARACTERIZE THIS PROM.

Instead, one-third of the guests donned formal wear, one-third wore '70s- and '80s-style thrift-store clothes and the rest threw on jeans and T-shirts. If the attire was any indication, non-Greek women's organization Beta Omega Beta's annual fundraiser for Victim Support Services drew a diverse crowd.

"We're trying to play off what people think prom is as being serious," BOB president senior Kaleena Wright said. "This is like a parody of what prom is."

Sophomore Zia Luehrman came to the prom in a powder blue dress that included a turtleneck, 17 mother of pearl buttons up the front and a brown belt around the waist.

"There are people here who are conforming to the prom idea, and at the same time, it's very much different from that," Luehrman said. "Everyone's a lot more free and not really worried about how other people perceive them."

Junior Megan Hartmann wore one of her formal dresses from high school to the prom.

"This is a good opportunity for me to put on my old dress," she said.

The theme of the night was "Casablanca." Junior Jennifer Townsend, vice president of BOB, said the women had originally planned to theme the night "Axis and Allies."

"We thought maybe Casablanca would have more mass appeal," she said. "We dig the

The women of BOB raised \$300 for Victim Support Services in 2005 and expected the 2006 prom to be just as successful, both financially and socially.



Author shel silverstein was not the only one who could create "the giving tree."

Phi Sigma Pi's biggest service event, called the Giving Tree, benefited needy children in Kirksville and other parts of Adair County.

The national coed honor fraternity sponsored the service event in which students could pick an ornament from a Christmas tree with the name and wish list of a local child. Students then donated a gift from the list. About 50 students usually participated in the event

Most people who participated spent what they could afford, but PSP member senior Justine Guyer remembered a year when a student and his family went above and beyond.

"The child requested a small toy Hummer, but his family bought the child a big \$350 version of the Hummer that he could ride in," Guyer said.

If someone took the name of a child and forgot to bring back a gift, a PSP member bought that child a gift.

The Giving Tree allowed PSP members and other students to help improve children's Christmas experiences.

"We hope that it makes [the child's] holiday a lot happier," PSP member junior Ryan Kroeger said.





MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY HAD SPECIAL MEANING FOR MANY TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENTS AND KIRKSVILLE COMMUNITY MEMBERS. The year 2007 marked the first time in two years the day was celebrated after the beginning of the spring semester.

"I think it's a good thing that we had school, only because it allowed a greater attention and focus on [Martin Luther King, Jr. Day] from our students," said Laura Bates, program coordinator of the Multicultural Affairs Center. "Having extra time to plan is always great."

Planning for the Unity Program began in October, and student volunteers carried out a large part of the program, Bates said. The event was open to all who wanted to volunteer their time and energy to making the week's program a success.

"A lot of our students did volunteer their time to read on Thursday and Friday," Bates said. "They actually went into certain classrooms in Kirksville schools and read appropriate literature regarding MLK or civil rights."

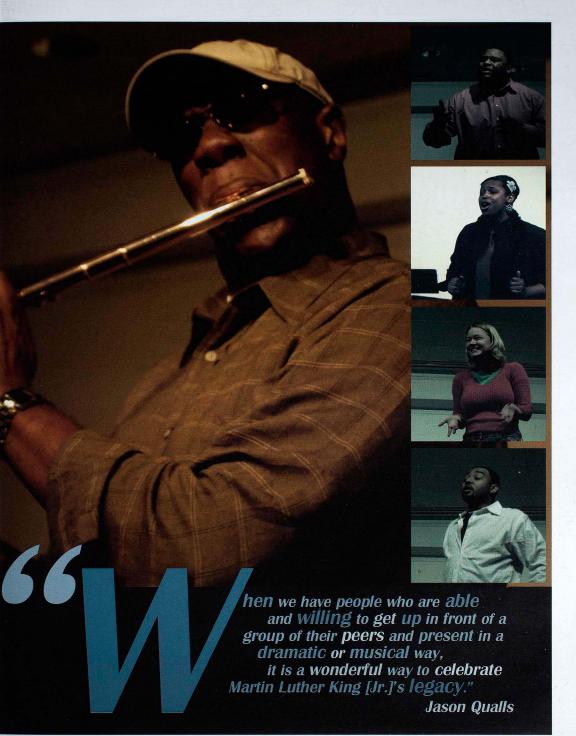
Volunteer junior Jason Qualls was a speaker at the one of the Martin Luther King Jr. Day programs.

"I read dramatic readings that were interpretations of Dr. King's speeches throughout the years," he said. "We also did excerpts from other black activists throughout history, like Fanny Lou Hamer and Malcolm X."

In addition to the large volunteer base, many organizations and office such as the Center for Teaching and Learning, the SERVE Center, the Coalition for African-American Women, Student Senate, Unique Ensemble, True Men and Illusion Danz Team were also involved in the program to help commemorate Martin Luther King Jr.'s life.

"When we have people who are able and willing to get up in front of a group of their peers and present in a dramatic or musical way, it is a wonderful way to celebrate Martin Luther King [Jr.]'s legacy," Qualls said.

Jazz flautist Galen Abdur-Razzaq, guest musician, has performed at the University multiple times. Photos by Roger Meissen





STUDENTS FOR LIFE, A TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY ANTI-ABORTION GROUP, took a 17-hour bus ride to Washington, D.C. with students from St. Louis University to show their support in a march for abortion prohibition.

Fourteen Truman State University students were among the thousands of people who participated in the March for Life on Jan. 22.

"When you march off to Capitol Hill and then when you turn around to look at Capitol Hill, all you see is seas of seas of people, like forever," junior Jenna Dempsey said.

The event marked the anniversary of the Supreme Court's decision to allow abortion in the Roe v. Wade case. Those in the march carried signs for a few blocks to protest the 1973 verdict.

Students for Life formed in fall 2006, making the march a first for many club members. Freshman Craig Deken, however, attended the march for the fifth time.

"It was a great turnout," Deken said. "... It's getting bigger every year."

A \$1,000 donation from Lifeline Pregnancy Center helped fund the trip. Students for Life also volunteered at Lifeline Pregnancy Center as part of their organization's activities.

Deken said the group's motive was to promote awareness about abortion and how it was harmful to society and damaging to women and their families.

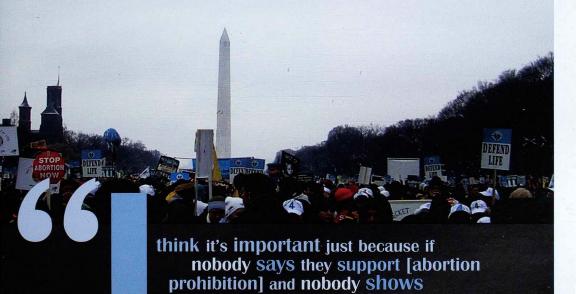
"I think it's important just because if nobody says they support it [and] nobody shows they support it, ... then [the government] won't know we want a change," he said.











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Julia Redford



STUDENTS WHO MISSED THE OPPORTUNITY TO RUSH A SORORITY IN THE FALL ALWAYS HAD A SECOND CHANCE DURING SPRING RUSH. Students who rushed in the spring, however, did not experience as much "go Greek" camaraderie as those who rushed in the fall.

Junior Sarah Shasserre, social sorority Alpha Sigma Alpha's vice president of public relations and recruitment, said one of the main differences between the rushes was that in the fall all the sororities worked together and publicized a "go Greek" message. In the spring, sororities publicized their sorority individually, something not allowed in the fall.

"We don't try to put more emphasis [on fall recruitment], but during the spring you have less of a budget so it's hard to publicize as much, and also in fall you're restricted as far as [what] you can publicize," Shasserre said.

Shasserre also said the fall rush was very formal with skits, speeches and themed parties. For the spring rush, however, some sororities used a more relaxed approach.

Service sorority Alpha Sigma Gamma was slightly different in their rush seasons. Publicity chair senior Julia Redford said the spring and fall rushes were exactly the same with 30 new members in each pledge class.

"A lot of girls, especially freshmen, like to figure out how hard Truman is going to be and how much time they have left over in their schedules, so they'll rush in the spring once they figure out they do have the time rather than jumping right into something in the fall," Redford said.

Despite the differences, every rush season gave women an opportunity to get involved in a sisterhood.



WHILE SOME STUDENTS CONSIDERED THE STUDYING REQUIRED FOR CLASSES TO BE SUFFICIENT, A HANDFUL OF TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENTS THOUGHT OTHERWISE - and created knowledge competitions as a fun way to pass the time. The Academic Competition Organization was a group devoted to learning about everything possible.

"A quiz bowl tournament is like a sport using the mind," junior Kent Buxton said.

To prepare for their competitions, ACO members had to keep up with news events by reading newspapers and magazines and take as varied a course load as possible.

"Even though I'm a biology major, I like to take history and art classes, and that stuff happens to pop up a lot in quiz bowl," Buxton said.

ACO was a national organization, providing academic tournaments for high schools and colleges across the country. The individual ACO chapters organized all the events.

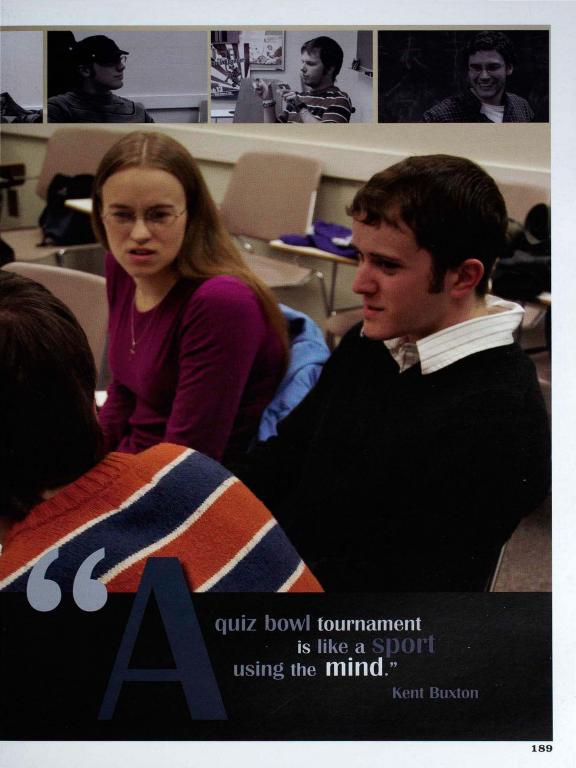
"Various scholar bowls are hosted by different collegiate teams throughout the country featuring questions written by the host school or from a national question company," senior

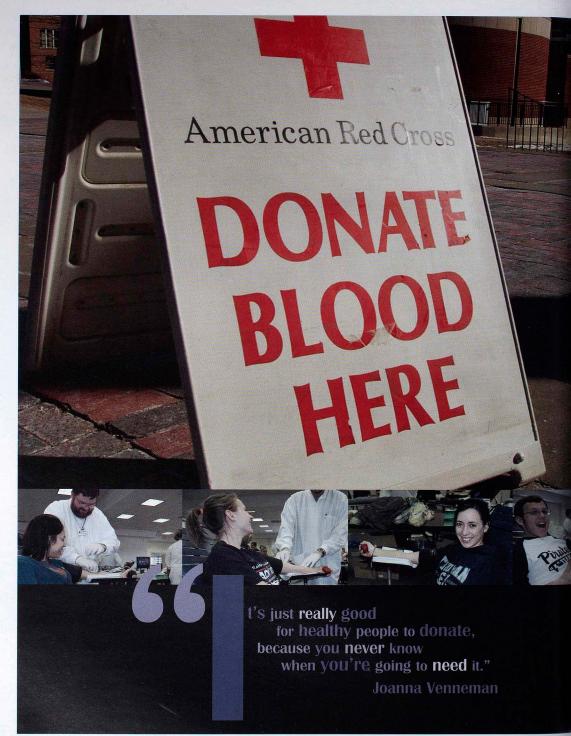
The University's ACO chapter competed in regional competitions each year, hoping to qualify for the national competitions.

Strauss said one of his favorite memories was getting lost in Iowa on the way back from a competition.

"It was a foggy night, and our cars got separated," he said. "One car stayed on the road, and the other took a wrong turn. ... Now, we make sure that both cars have directions and cell phones."

ACO provided opportunities to learn outside the classroom and bond with other members as they traveled across the Midwest.







EVERY TWO SECONDS, SOMEONE IN AMERICA NEEDS BLOOD, ACCORDING TO THE AMERICAN RED CROSS WEB SITE. The Cardinal Key and Blue Key national honor societies made an effort to help.

Each semester Cardinal Key and Blue Key partnered to sponsor a blood drive.

"I think we see the benefit of doing a blood drive, so we just work together," said junior Paul Rotert, Blue Key blood drive chairman.

The organizations worked with the American Red Cross to publicize the event, Announcements through TruView, the Index, local newspapers, television stations, radio stations and signs encouraged people to donate. Buddy the Blood Drop also walked around campus before and during the blood drive to attract donors.

In the fall, the blood drive collected about 500 pints for the American Red Cross, said junior Joanna Venneman, Cardinal Key blood drive chairwoman. In the spring, residence halls' floors competed to have the most donors, an effort to draw even more student support, Rotert said.

"The two blood drives that Cardinal Key and Blue Key organize each year are actually the two biggest on Truman's campus each year," Rotert said.

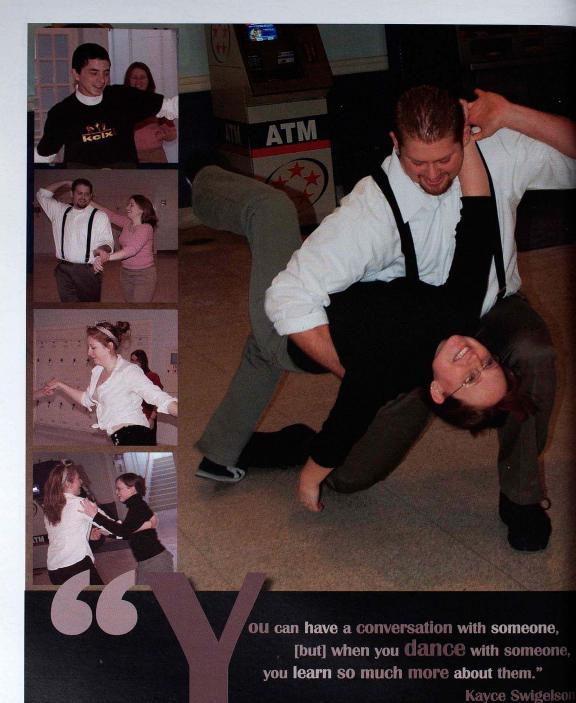
Rotert said donating blood was a simple way to do something significant on a college student's tight schedule and limited budget.

"You are going to save lives, which is something you can't commonly say with the service projects that you do on a day-to-day basis," Rotert said.

Venneman also stressed the importance of donating blood.

"It's just really good for healthy people to donate, because you never know when you're going to need it," Venneman said.

The blood drive brought hundreds of students into the Student Union Building for two consecutive days in the fall and the spring. Photos by Hope Slaby





FOUR TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY SENIORS DANCED BACK TO THE 1920s. TruHop emerged in August as a small social swing-dancing group led by seniors Scott Lowry, Sean Stapley, Kayce Swigelson and Cindy Wooldridge.

"We just wanted to have more dancing, and ... we just sort of went out dancing one day and thought, 'Hey, why don't we do this every week?" Lowry said. "... We did that a few times and then decided to get more people involved."

Swigelson explained the group's shared need for more dancing.

"It's a way for me to tie together a love of music, a love of history, a love of self-expression and one of the best, most stress-relieving ways to have fun I've ever experienced," she said. "It's also a way to get to know people in a way you wouldn't get to know them normally. ... It's a great connection with other people. It's a great connection with yourself."

The group was informal and all-inclusive.

"Pretty much anyone is more than welcome to come by and dance with us," Wooldridge said. "A lot of people who are currently involved are also members of the University Swingers general group. ... We just dance on the weekends."

Advertising was an informal process for TruHop. Word of mouth was the most common method, but the public location of the dancing sessions in the Student Union Building also contributed to TruHop's popularity.

"People come by all the time," Stapley said. "They see us, and we're like, 'Hey, you want to dance?""

Although TruHop was strictly a social dancing group, they received an invitation to perform at the Truman Society of Dance Arts recital in April 2007. Wooldridge said that even if they performed at the recital, it would not be intricately choreographed.

"We want to keep our group as social as possible without having real performances," Lowry said.

With seniors holding the officer positions, the future of the group depended upon graduate school-bound Stapley and the underclassmen members willing to take on responsibility in the following years.

"I want to see it expand," Stapley said.



by Jessica Poet

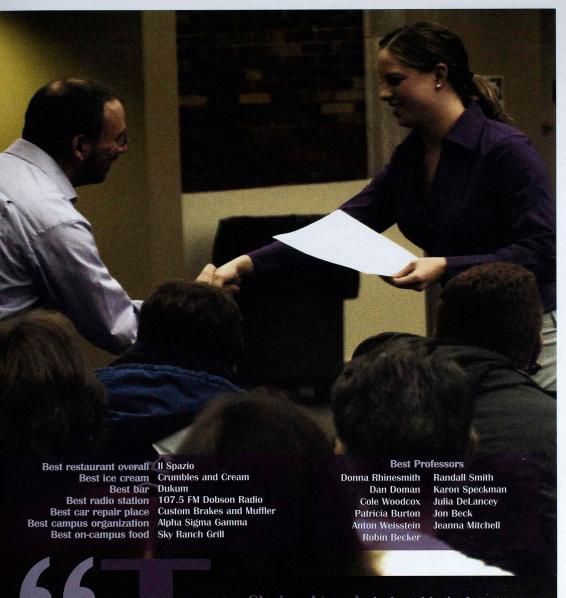
Some students new to the kirksville community wondered where the BEST PLACES WERE TO EAT, GET HAIRCUTS OR HAVE THEIR NAILS DONE. The Truman Choice Awards helped these students find the best businesses in town.

"[The] Truman Choice Awards is just kind of a way to recognize businesses in the community and also some of [the] faculty members of Truman," said junior Jessi Bays, an organizer of the 2006 Truman Choice Awards.

The American Marketing Association conducted the Truman Choice Awards every other year. These awards recognized local businesses for their quality and service. At the beginning of the academic year, the AMA put out a survey that asked students questions such as "What is your favorite place to eat in town?" or "Which do you think is the best Mexican place in town?"

Based on students' input, restaurants and businesses around town were recognized as a "Truman Choice." They received a certificate, which many displayed proudly. The results of the survey and the winners also were printed in the Index and in the Kirksville Daily Express.

"For me, coming in [as a freshman], I liked the Truman Choice Awards as a way to kind of know where to get my hair done or to get my nails done, you know," Bays said. "I had no idea where to go, so it's helpful in that way."



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STUDENTS FOR SENSIBLE DRUG POLICY WORKED TO PROMOTE AWARENESS ABOUT LEGISLATIVE OPPOSITION TO DRUG USE as they lobbied their way to Washington, D.C., in November.

One of SSDP's main objectives was to repeal a higher education act, which stated that if a student who received financial aid was caught using drugs in college, they lost the financial aid, said junior Peter McEvoy, Webmaster for the Truman State University chapter.

McEvoy also said senior Josh Kappel, University chapter president, worked with Student Senate to try to get the parental notification policy amended.

The University policy stated that if students violated drug or alcohol rules, the University had the right to notify parents or legal guardians, according to the Office of Citizenship and Community Standards Web site.

"We're trying to get that repealed, because the vast majority of college students are legal adults, and a good number of them pay for their own school[ing]," McEvoy said.

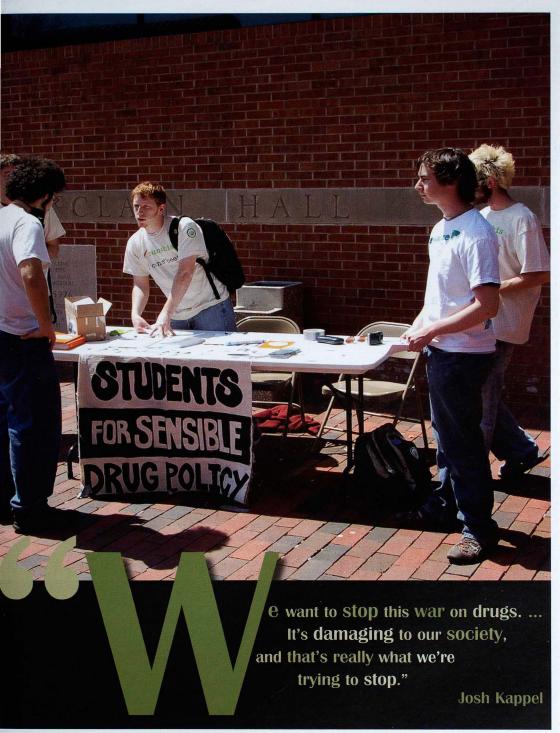
As part of their lobbying attempts, 12 members drove across the country to Washington, D.C., to speak with senators at Capitol Hill.

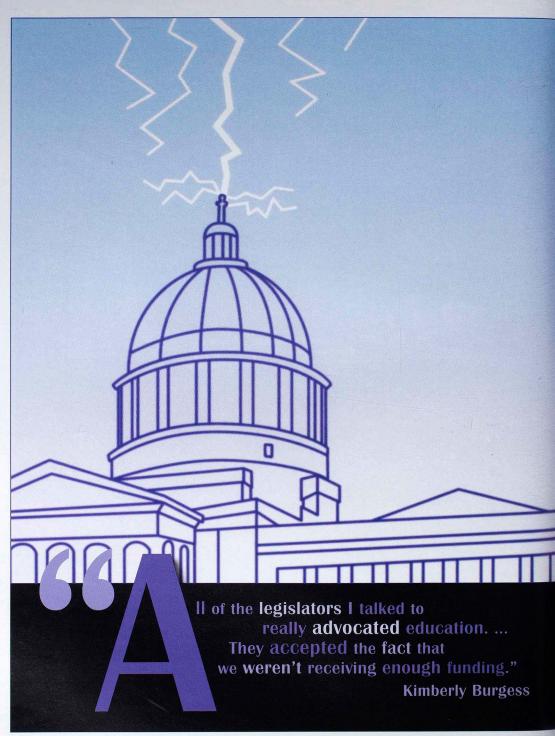
"We want to stop this war on drugs," Kappel said. "Just to see how many lives we are ruining and how many children don't have families anymore. ... It's damaging to our society, and that's really what we're trying to stop."

SSDP also worked toward establishing a drug program for drug abusers at the University health center.

"Nothing like [Drug Abuse Resistance Education] — we want the opposite of D.A.R.E.," McEvoy said. "D.A.R.E. basically says, 'Drugs are bad. Don't ever use them, [and] if you do, you'll get screwed by the law,' and that approach does not work."

> Students for Sensible Drug Policy shared information with students in front of McClain Hall. Photo by Hope Slaby







by Lindsey Adams

NOT ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS HAD EXPERIENCED LOBBYING DIRECTLY WITH THEIR LEGISLATORS, but on March 27, more than 20 students got to do just that when they participated in Student Senate's Storm the Capitol.

Students traveled to the Capitol building in Jefferson City, Mo., to lobby lawmakers to support legislation that aided higher education and to raise awareness about the issues facing public universities.

Freshman Michelle Landers said the day's goal was to bring focus toward the University's need for state funding.

"We were there to keep them interested and informed," she said. "We talked about how Truman is trying to be the Harvard of the Midwest at an affordable price but how that is getting harder and harder with less funding."

Freshman Kimberly Burgess felt that the students' efforts at the Capitol were successful.

"We talked to them about the bills in front of them which would increase funding for universities," Burgess said. "All of the legislators I talked to really advocated education ... They accepted the fact that we weren't receiving enough funding."

The legislators were not the only ones educated during Storm the Capitol. Students learned how to gain the respect of lawmakers.

"We learned how to present ourselves, and we learned the correct way to talk to legislators," Burgess said. "It is important not to be scared and to show confidence, and then they will listen to us."



COMMUNICATION WEEK AT TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY HAD NOT OCCURRED IN ABOUT 10 YEARS. In Spring 2007, however, the members of communication honors fraternity Lambda Pi Eta revived it.

"Communications has always been a confusing major, we found, with people not within the field," president senior Elizabeth Bauer said. "... Lambda Pi Eta has really stepped up their interest in becoming a campus presence. I think we've expanded a lot this year, especially with Communication Week, and also we wanted to target prospective students ... and current students [to let them know] 'this is what you can do with your [Communication] major."

Lambda Pi Eta sponsored the week, but other communication organizations were involved as well, including Society of Professional Journalists.

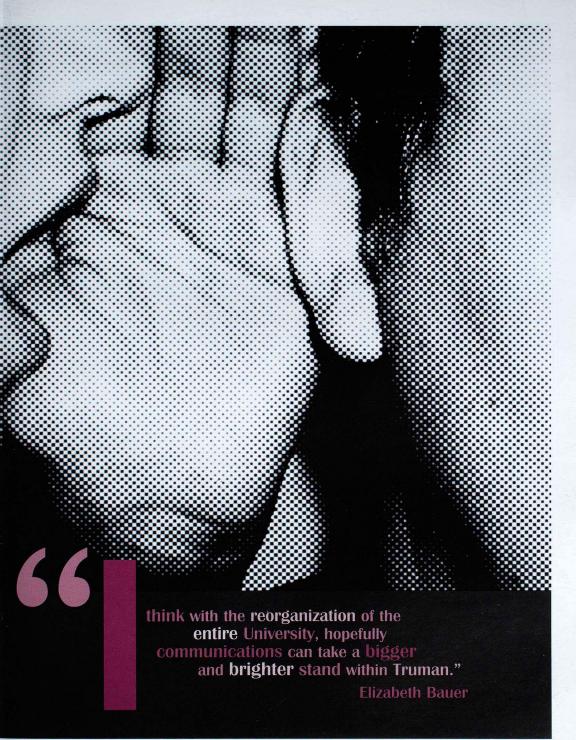
During Communication Week, the group brought in speakers, including former St. Louis Post-Dispatch editor Dick Weiss and National Communication Association President J. Michael Sproule. They also hosted the finals for the Chandler Monroe Oratorical Contest, an internship forum, and a communications activities fair.

"The hardest thing was getting confirmation, and getting these amazing speakers in their field to come to a school in the middle of nowhere, ... but they were more than willing," senior Sara James said.

Throughout the week, Lambda Pi Eta also organized a silent auction at which communication faculty donated a service such as making homemade ice cream or cooking chicken quesadillas.

The group planned to have Communication Week again, reviving the annual event.

"I hope that Communication Week becomes more of a tradition than just a one-time thing, and I know we worked very hard this year, and I think with the reorganization of the entire University, hopefully communications can take a bigger and brighter stand within Truman," Bauer said.



Ducks on the Quad

by Salma Ahmed

ALREADY LEADERS IN SERVING THE CAMPUS, THE WOMEN OF SERVICE SORORITY ALPHA SIGMA GAMMA SPONSORED GAMES AND FREE FOOD ON THE QUAD during their annual weeklong Ducky Days.

"We're just out here to have fun, get the word out about ASG, ... just kind of be like, 'Hey, we're here,' and just to have an opportunity to serve the campus," senior Julia Redford said.

From April 10 to 13, the women of ASG set up four square, Twister and karaoke on the Quad as well as serving hot dogs, cookies, snow cones and lemonade to students passing by.

The number of students playing games declined when the weather became chillier as the week drew on, and students tried to stay indoors to avoid the unusual spring weather.

"We planned this a while ago, and we didn't think it was going to be cold," Redford said.

She and other ASG members began making the 2007 Ducky Days a reality in February, but the activities and food were just a small part of the planning. The women also raised awareness of an issue that was important to one of their sisters.

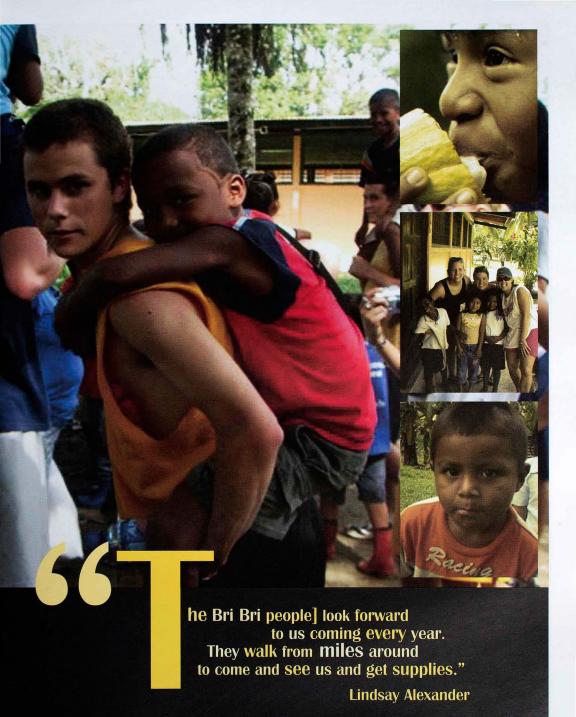
"We usually have a different cause that we're collecting something for," Redford said. "This year we're doing the Bri Bri people."

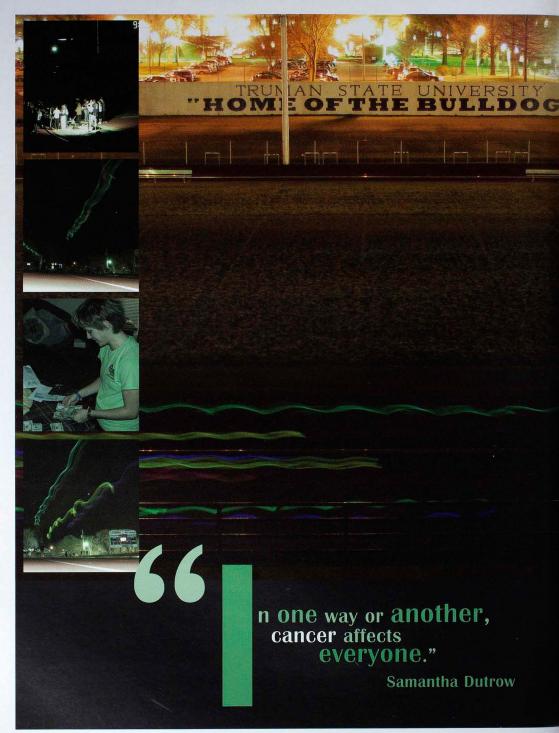
The Bri Bri people lived in simple conditions on a Native American reservation in Costa Rica, junior Lindsay Alexander said. Visiting the Bri Bri people was one part of the summer 2006 Costa Rica study abroad program at Truman, which Alexander attended.

"[The Bri Bri People] look forward to us coming every year," Alexander said. "They walk from miles around to come and see us and get supplies."

Alexander's experience motivated her to ask ASG to support the Bri Bri people for the Ducky Days charity. ASG collected money, household items and supplies at a table on the Quad to mail to the Bri Bri people.

Ducky Days provided a way for ASG to get their name out and bring some fun to the campus while supporting a charity abroad.







DESPITE THE UNSEASONABLY CHILLY WEATHER, MANY STUDENTS CONGREGATED ON TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY'S TRACK FOR A RELAY FOR LIFE FUNDRAISER APRIL 11.

Glow Stick it to Cancer was a two-mile run/walk, which raised money for the American Cancer Society. As junior Samantha Dutrow helped brainstorm fundraiser ideas for the Relay for Life event with the Colleges Against Cancer team, she wanted to make sure whatever they did was different from the usual fundraiser.

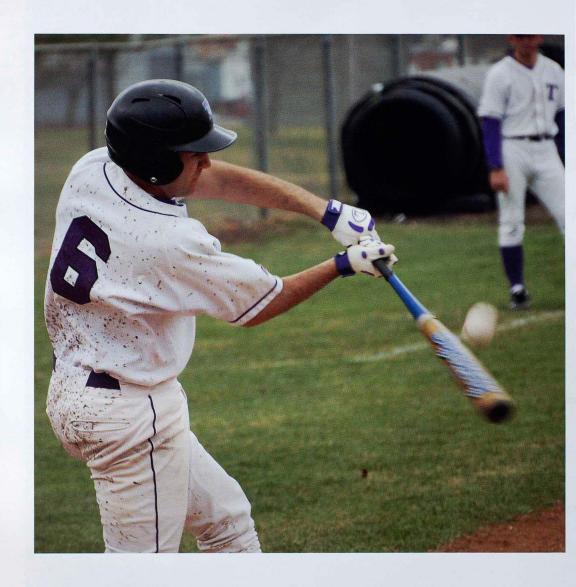
"I wanted it to be fun and crazy, and I like to run at night, so why not run with glow sticks at night?" Dutrow said.

Putting together an event of this magnitude was not difficult. The organizers simply had to reserve the track and get the word out.

"I proposed the idea to my teammates, and things evolved from there," Dutrow said. "We ordered shirts, reserved the track. ... Many people have been very supportive, so things were not hard to arrange."

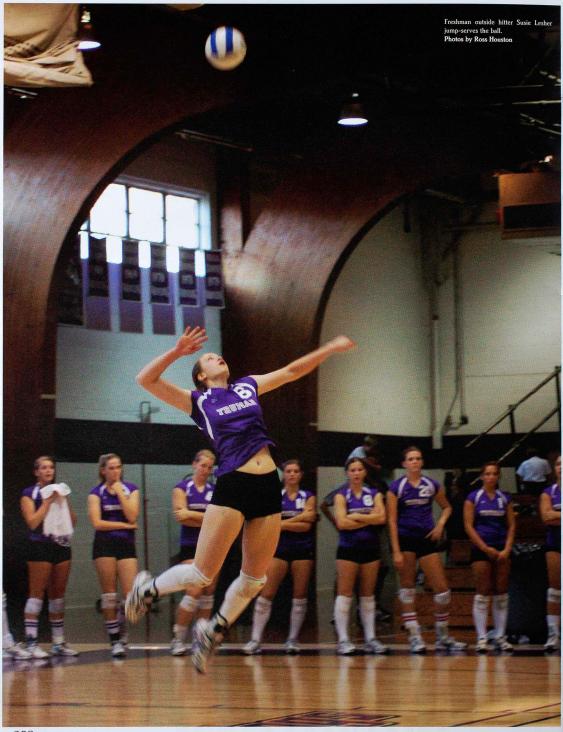
While the cold, wet weather may have deterred some students from attending, the members of Colleges Against Cancer felt that a cause such as finding a cure for cancer was something that should garner everyone's support.

"Whether it is a family member or friend or friend of a friend, in one way or another, cancer affects everyone," Dutrow said.



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Season of Growth

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THE 2006 WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL RECORD DID NOT TELL THE WHOLE STORY.

The Bulldog volleyball team lost 3-2 to the University of North Alabama in the NCAA Regional Semifinals. Even though the Bulldogs advanced farther in the 2005 NCAA tournament, Head Coach Jason Skoch still was pleased with the 2006 squad.

"We just had a better team this year—on and off the court," he said. "Afterwards, the girls kept saying how much fun they had this season, how they all enjoyed each other and loved being on the team."

The Bulldogs started off the year with a 3-0 loss to the University of Concordia-St. Paul (Minn.), something an avid fan of the Truman State University volleyball team might not have expected.

"Honestly, in hindsight, I was worried because the tournament was tough," Skoch said. "We still had [Florida] Gulf Coast, who was really good, and then we had Barry [University (Fla.)], but I wasn't worried at the same time because the final score didn't reflect how close the game was."

Skoch's confidence was not in vain. After the loss, the purple-and-white opened up a 36-match winning streak, including a 10-match stretch in which the team did not drop a single game.

"I don't necessarily know that our goal was to focus on continue to winning," senior outside hitter Sarah Shearman said. "It was more focusing on each game one at a time and improving upon the previous games."

In 2007, the team would be without Shearman and senior outside hitter Kelsey Wackerman.

The senior duo combined for five All-American honors and a 136-14 record. Despite the graduating seniors, Skoch still was confident the team would succeed in 2007.

"We'll be fine overall," Skoch said. "If the girls can not allow outside people to gear them off course, we will be fine and dandy."

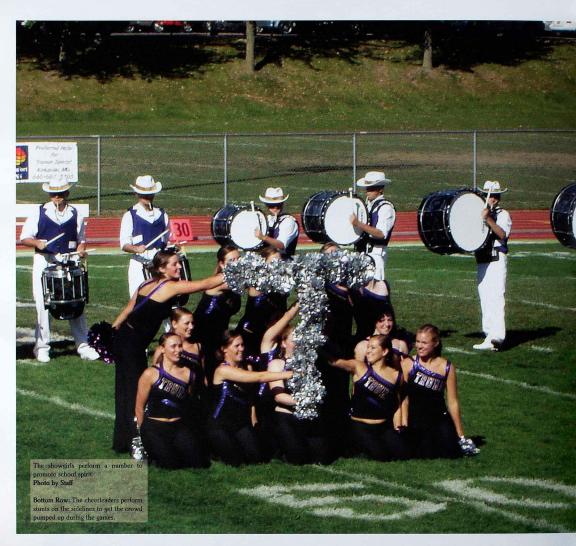
Ace - A serve that is not passable and results immediately in a point. Bump — A common term for forearm passing. Set — The tactical skill in which a ball is directed to a point where a player can spike it into the opponent's

Spike — To jump and strike the ball with a forceful overhand shot. Source: http://www.volleyball.com

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WITH FAN ATTENDANCE DECLINING DURING THE 2006-07 FOOTBALL AND BASKETBALL SEASONS, SPIRIT WAS MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER.

Having the Truman State University cheerleading squad and University Showgirls on the sidelines raised the energy at sporting events.

Performing dance numbers and stunts, both groups added to the entertainment of the games, getting the crowd more excited to cheer on the Bulldogs.

"[The Showgirls' presence] adds spirit and energy to the games," Showgirl freshman Sarah Collier said.

The women were excited to contribute to the activity at the games, and showing their Bulldog pride was something they took seriously.

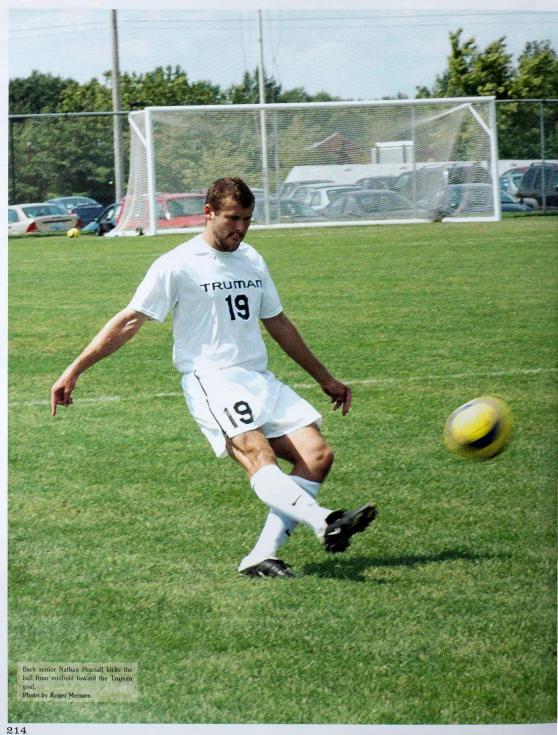
"We're at every single home game," Showgirl senior Kelly Schreck said. "We're always really spirited and excited to be there. We all want to be there and cheer on the team."

The cheerleaders were out in full force and ready to cheer on the Bulldogs for every game as well. Neither University spirit team's efforts went unnoticed.

"I've had a lot of football players and both men and women basketball players say to us that they really enjoy us being there," cheerleader junior Tara Holland said. "They appreciate it."

The cheerleading squad and the Showgirls shared media time-outs to perform their respective stunts or floor cheers and dances. Constantly changing the pace and activities in different breaks, the two teams kept the energy level high and the entertainment top quality.







Potentia to Triumph

by Jenna Keeven

IT WAS A SEASON OF UPS AND DOWNS FOR THE MEN'S SOCCER TEAM, MIDFIELDER SENIOR RYAN CRAVENS SAID. The Bulldogs ended their season with a record of 8-7-3.

Cravens said the team played well, but the players just could not score. They would give up a goal or two, occasionally costing them the game.

"Whenever I look back at my college career, I'm not going to remember this season as the defining moment of it, because my freshman year we were undefeated and went to the playoffs, and last year we had a great season and went to the playoffs," Cravens said.

The Bulldogs endured a few obstacles during the season.

"As a team, we battled some games where officiating was terrible," Cravens said. "We didn't do a very good job working around that. We get frustrated pretty easily as a team."

As an additional struggle, the team lost more than 10 seniors and brought in 15 new players, making half the squad rookies.

"I see a lot of good coming out of the year, though, because now those young kids have a year of experience, and I think we'll do well [in future seasons]," head coach Duke Cochran said.

With only three to four months of playing time, there just was not enough time in

"The biggest obstacle we had was finding the right combinations of players on the field in the right positions to make us the most effective," Cochran said. "I really don't think we really found it until the last fourth of the season."

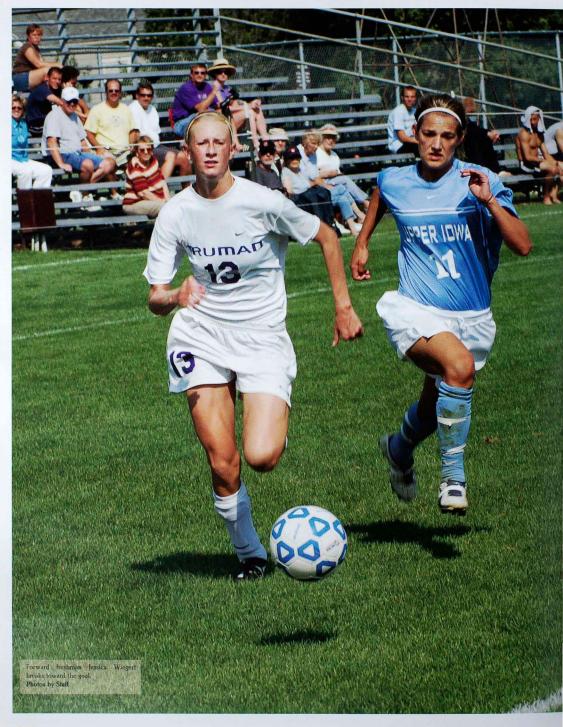
Although Cochran said the season did not reach his expectations and the team fell short of making the playoffs, his hopes stood high for the years to come.

"I think that people should look out for us in the next couple of years, because this young team will get back to the tradition of the Bulldogs going to the tournament," he said. "We got a lot of youngsters that are very good."

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Finishin with Strength

by Jenna Keeven

WITH A 12-5-3 RECORD, THE WOMEN'S SOCCER TEAM JUST MISSED A CHANCE AT THE PLAYOFFS, ENDING ITS SEASON BY TYING FOR FOURTH IN THE MIAA.

"We didn't quite do as well as we were hoping, but it wasn't a bad season at all," head coach Mike Cannon said.

The season started off well - the team won five of its first six games. In October, the Bulldogs played their highlight game of the year at the University of Central Missouri (Warrensburg). The night game was full of fans cheering for the Jennies, but the Bulldogs dominated and won 1-0.

During the game, however, injuries occurred, including a broken nose when midfielder junior Emily Newsham went for a head ball. Other injuries followed later in the season such as a knee injury, a twisted ankle and a few concussions.

"We just learned how to deal with [the injuries] because they kept happening," center midfielder senior Robyn Mortenson said.

After the UCM game, the Bulldogs lost their momentum.

"We didn't play bad," stopper senior Melissa Snodgrass said. "We just couldn't

Cannon said the team finished strong, especially during its last game against Northwest Missouri State University (Maryville). Cannon said the Bulldogs scored four goals in the second half, with three of them scored within the first 10 minutes.

"We are a good team," he said. "We just had a couple of bumps in the road."

Professional Foul - A

Yellow Card - a playing

Running for Africa



The women's soccer team who put on the event to raise money for clean drinking water in Africa. Photos submitted

"EVERYONE IS A WINNER HERE, SO DON'T THROW ANY ELBOWS," ASSISTANT SOCCER COACH EMILY HUYCK SAID.

The speech was different than the usual pre-game talk. The soccer team was not alone, and they were not preparing for a big game. Instead they were surrounded by about 50 other runners and walkers who were participating in the Run for Africa. Runners around the nation were also taking part in the first nationwide Run for Africa on Feb. 10.

Truman State University alumna Jill Youse had co-founded the national Run for Africa program the previous year. The program raised money to support sustainable clean water programs in African villages. Youse, a former soccer player, inspired the soccer team to organize the Run for Africa program at the University.

"Soccer is time consuming, so we wanted to get the whole team together to do service," sophomore Denise Childress said.

Together the team raised over \$1,500 for the charity.

"I like this program because we are teaching the villages how to [maintain a clean water supply] instead of just going in and setting up the programs," Childress said.

The soccer team's enthusiasm also helped teach students the power of service

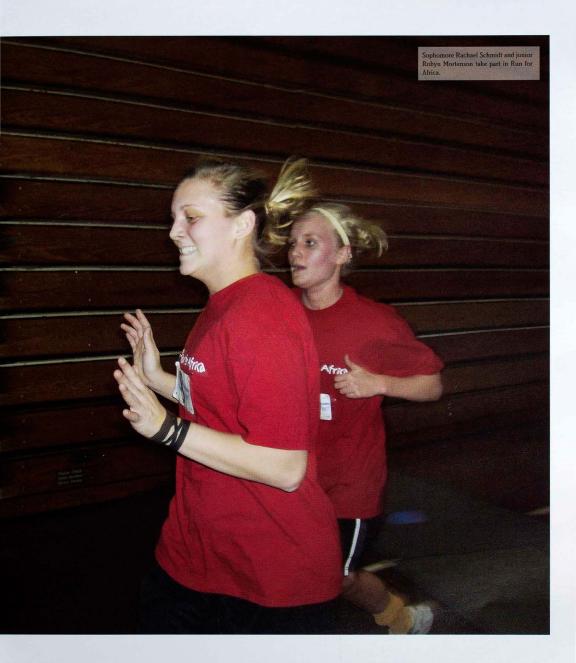
A few brave souls bundled up for the 2.6-mile run around the outdoor track. The majority of the participants sported their bright red Run for Africa T-shirts and circled the Pershing Arena thirty times.

"I participated in the run because it was a really good cause," junior Allison LaFollette said. "There was a good turnout, and they raised a lot of money."

Huych said she was pleased with the success of the run.

"Whenever you raise awareness and raise money for a great cause, you cannot complain," she said.

The soccer team's energy was contagious, and Huyck said she thought they were on track to make the Run for Africa an annual event.



Consister

Drive — A shot from

Putt — The act of hitting

Par — The number of

Birdie — One under

THE MEN'S AND WOMEN'S GOLF TEAM HAD SOMETHING IN COMMON: BOTH HAD PLAYERS WIN TOURNAMENTS IN THE FALL 2006 SEASON.

Sophomore Julie Williams of the women's team won the Prairie Five Invite in Lincoln, Neb., and senior Jesse Helms won the Quincy University (Ill.) Invitational, where the men's golf team also took first.

"We hadn't won a tournament since my freshman year, so we won a tournament — that was awesome," senior Tyler Phillips said.

The men's team found that their victory in Quincy could not sustain stamina throughout the season, however.

"We kind of tapered off when we went into conference play, and we struggled to finish tournaments down the stretch in the last two tournaments, causing us to fall just below where we wanted to be," Phillips said.

The women's golf team, on the other hand, placed 6th in the region by the end of the fall season.

"This is probably the best season I've had in the past four years," senior Sara Lloyd said. "I think I just decided to have fun with it, being it my last year of eligibility."

While Lloyd was wrapping up her final season, an incoming freshman was just getting started.

"We had a new freshman, Krystal Limsiaco, and she has definitely helped contribute," Lloyd said.

Women's head coach Sam Lesseig agreed Limsiaco helped the team's success, but the team still battled an obstacle of inconsistency.

"Not getting, at some tournaments, four really good scores each day [was a challenge], but that's golf," he said.

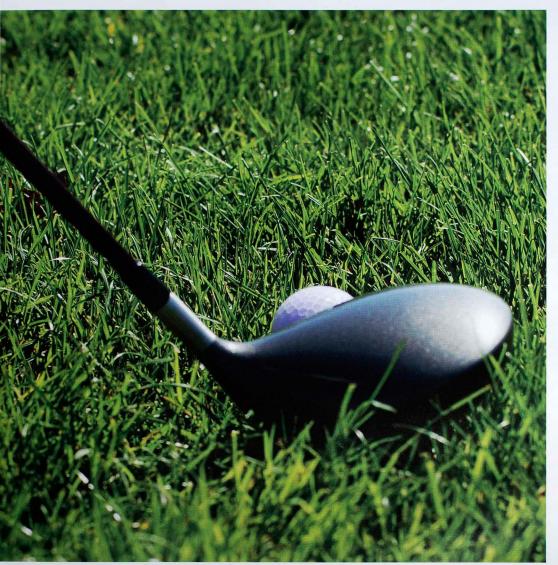


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The Lingo

Tempo Runs — A fast run that is around three to six miles

Intervals — Short periods of fast running. Running one time around a track, resting, and running around the track again.

Fartlek — A Swedish term meaning "speed play," in which there is a period of fast running followed by an interval of slow running and fast running again.

LSD Long Slow Distance

Source: Head Coach John Cochrane

THE 2006 SEASON WAS TIM SCHWEGLER'S FIRST YEAR COACHING TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY'S MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY TEAM.

"Coaches always want to do better than they actually do," Schwegler said.

He worked with a team that included three freshmen in the top six runners, and Schwegler admitted that working with a younger, less experienced squad affected the team's performance.

"Going into the season, the way we were ranked by preseason polls and the loss of seniors from last year's squad, no one really expected us to do much," Schwegler said. "We overdid expectations at least."

Senior Jason Simpson seconded Schwegler's sentiments and explained the intensity of competition at meets such as regionals, where the team finished eighth out of 17 teams.

"I think we were, going into regionals, ranked 10th or maybe 11th, so to finish eighth, we were pretty happy with that," Simpson said. "There weren't too many teams that beat us that shouldn't have, so we ran well."

While its finish at the 2006 regionals was noteworthy, it was a letdown for the team compared to previous years' performances, such as the team's fourth place finish at regionals in the 2005 season,

"It was a little disappointing, but I think with what we had this year talent-wise and experience, I was pretty happy with how everyone ran," Simpson said.

Despite the results falling short of the team's hopes, Schwegler saw positives in the

"We can look back, and out of the 14 guys on the team, 13 of them ran their fastest times ever for cross country, so I think we got a lot out of the talent we had," Schwegler said. "We can be proud of that fact."



Rounding the Bend

It was a rebuilding YEAR FOR THE WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY TEAM. With fewer girls than usual and several injuries throughout the season, the Bulldogs struggled as a team. "It was one of those years that everything wasn't there at one time," head coach John Cochrane said. "It happens once in a while that way."

Because of injuries and fewer runners, the Bulldogs were not able to run with a full team of seven runners. However, a few individuals still had good seasons.

Sophomore Danna Kelly placed 11th at regionals, and senior Jacquie Faust's last cross country season marked a strong finish. Faust came in 29th at nationals and placed second in the conference overall. Her performance earned her the titles of All-American and South Central Regional female runner of the year.

Though Faust found personal success, she still struggled with the team's smaller numbers.

"Cross country is a team sport, and we really didn't have that this year," Faust said. "That was hard. It's harder not having as many teammates. Having to train on our own instead of with a team just makes it harder."

Although the shortage of teammates created a challenge Faust enjoyed the community her team provided. In fact, Faust's favorite moment of the season was winning regionals because her teammates and coaches were there to support her.

"It was so great to have my family, my teammates and my coaches there," Faust said. "It was a great feeling, and it was a moment I will never forget."

Though the team had seen better years, they still shared great chemistry and supported one another.







Building a Team

The Lingo

Bank Shot - A shot in which the ball is first bounced (or banked) off the backboard at such an angle that it then drops into the basket

Rebound - When a player grabs a ball that is coming off the rim or backboard after a shot attempt

Tip-off — The initial jump ball that starts the game

Source: http://firstbasesports.com

THE MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM PLAYED A CONSISTENT SEASON, HEAD COACH JACK SCHRADER SAID.

"I think the best way to categorize the season is [it has] been pretty solid," he said.

The Bulldogs won conference games on the road against Missouri Southern State College (Joplin), Southwest Baptist University (Bolivar, Mo.) and Missouri Western State College (St. Joseph), but the team fell short in other conference games. Schrader said that at the beginning of the season, five out of the six conference game losses came from top-10 ranked teams in the country.

"It just seems that every time we get up against ranked opponents, we fall short," said senior Andy Calmes, forward and captain. "Sometimes it's because we played bad, sometimes it's because they played well,"

After losing five seniors from the previous season's team, the Bulldogs had 10 experienced players and four new ones.

"I think what's interesting about this team is we have a group of veterans that's very clearly defined, and then we have a group of inexperienced players that's very clearly defined, and we don't have lot of the in between," Schrader said. "So it's sort of like two groups."

Schrader was pleased with the seniors' play during the season.

"They've been very good - solid as a rock," he said. "It's a very good senior class."





Striving for more

by Kyle Magee

The Lingo

Foul Lane — The painted area 19' x 16' bordered by the end line and the foul line, outside which players must stand during a free throw.

Free Throw A (one point) unguarded shot taken from the foul line by a player whose opponent committed a personal or technical foul.

Possession — Holding or having control of the ball

Source: http://firstbasesports.com

CAPPING OFF THE SEASON WITH AN OVERALL RECORD OF 8-19, INCLUDING A 3-15 MIAA DIVISION RECORD, the women's basketball team finished the 2006-07 season on an impressive note despite tough conference competition.

The Bulldogs enjoyed an important three-game winning streak in January, which included wins over conference rivals Southwest Baptist University (Bolivar, Mo.), University of Central Missouri (Warrensburg) and Missouri Southern State College (Joplin). Though the streak was short-lived and the team struggled throughout the rest of the season, its hard work concluded with an 82-77 overtime loss to Pittsburg State University (Kan.) at home, a result that showed promise for the next season.

"While we wish our record could have been better, I couldn't be more pleased with the effort and the intensity in terms of how the girls showed up every day and worked hard and pushed themselves to improve," head coach John Sloop said.

Sloop said in terms of conference play, they played in the best NCAA Division II conference in the country.

"Three of the top 10 teams in the country are from our league, so it's always a war night in and night out in the conference," he said.

The team finished 10th in the MIAA, a mere three wins from matching eighth-ranked Pittsburgh State, the last ranked team for the MIAA Championship. While they had never won a regular season or postseason tournament championship since entering the MIAA in the 1982-83 season, the Bulldogs looked to change that fact in future years.

"I think we are pretty sad that we didn't make the tournament, but we had a lot of fun and worked hard," said senior Natalie Schupbach, guard and forward. "There are people that can step up. The freshman class is pretty strong. All those girls work really hard, and I think we can expect great things from them as long as they play with confidence. There are definitely people that can fill my shoes."



Forward sophomore Georgia Mueller prepares to take a shot at the basket. **Photos by Ross Houston**



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by Ross Houston

THE TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY MEN'S SWIM TEAM HAD ITS OWN VERSION OF THE FANTASTIC FOUR, and like the comic book heroes, they performed some amazing feats.

Sophomore Jason Stoke, juniors Ryan Ferrell and Alex Totura and senior Tom Applegate were the squad's lone representatives at the 2007 NCAA Division II Men's Swimming and Diving National Championship meet. Despite the limited number of University swimmers, the foursome was able to achieve a 15th place finish.

Head coach Mark Gole said he was disappointed the squad only qualified four swimmers but was satisfied with the team's final result at nationals.

"Those who we had at the meet did extremely well," he said.

Before the national meet, Gole's squad participated in a last-chance meet to try to garner more qualifiers. Unfortunately, several swimmers fell just short of the NCAA Acut required to attend nationals. Gole said a few extra swimmers could have made a big difference.

"Two more guys, we could have been in the top 10," he said. "We had guys sitting at home that had gone fast enough to actually score, but we couldn't get them qualified."

Yet, Applegate said he thought the 2006-07 squad was among the best in the University's history.

"This is the fastest team, as a team, that Truman has ever had," he said. "Yeah, we didn't have the standouts that we had in the past, but at [the] conference [meet], the team really came together, and we could fight with everybody else."

Gole said he wanted to qualify more men for nationals in 2007-08.

"We got many guys coming back with the ability," he said. "Overall, top to bottom, we're going to probably be one of the strongest teams in Truman swimming history."

The Lingo

Heat — A division of an event when there are too many swimmers to compete at the same time

Blocks — The starting platforms located behind each lane

Stroke — There are four competitive techniques (strokes): butterfly, backstroke, breaststroke, freestyle.

by Jenna Keeven

Something of a Legende





THE WOMEN'S SWIMMING TEAM HAD BEEN BATTLING IT OUT WITH DRURY UNIVERSITY (SPRINGFIELD, MO.) FOR YEARS, but for six consecutive years Truman State University came out on top. During the 2006-07 season, however, Drury beat the Bulldogs at the NCAA tournament with a score of 646.5 to 518.

"They've been pretty much our rival for as long as I can think back," head coach Mark Gole said.

Third place went to University of California – San Diego with a score of 318, Gole

said the rest of the teams could not defeat Drury either.

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The last time the Bulldogs fell second in the NCAA tournament was in 2000, when Drury placed first.

"This year they kind of took it back and won, and we got second," Gole said. "Even though we beat them at a dual meet this year, they were able to beat us at nationals, where last year they beat us at a dual meet and then we beat them at nationals."

Gole said junior Molly Polette was the only Truman State University swimmer to take first in an individual national championship when she won the 500 freestyle.

Gole said other outstanding performances came from junior Katie Welsh and seniors Lindsay Vaughn and Brittany Anderson. Their efforts were not enough to secure a win, however.

"Drury flat out won the meet," Gole said. "We swam well but came up a little short."

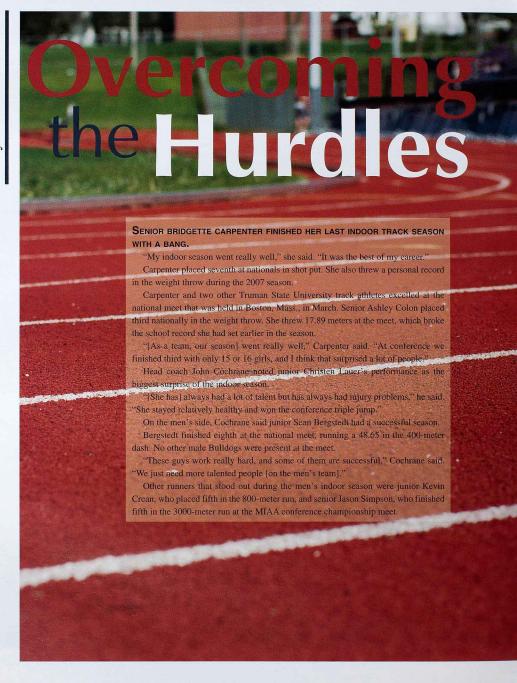
Anderson said Drury had always been their biggest competitor.

"Freshman year I didn't realize the importance in the challenge of beating them because they are so good, but as the years went on, we kept getting stronger and stronger," she said. "We built on all the previous experiences."

Anderson said the season was a success since she lowered her times in most of her events during the season and connected with her teammates.

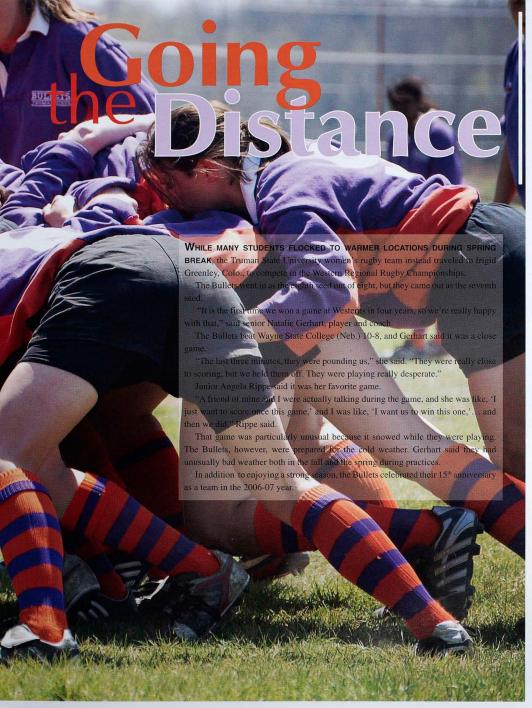
"I don't really see the season as a failure just because we got second," she said.















Time to Fly

by Jessica Poet & Jenna Keeven

ON WARM DAYS, AT LEAST A COUPLE PEOPLE COULD BE SEEN THROWING A FRISBEE AROUND OUTSIDE. The men's ultimate frisbee team, however, played year-round.

"The easiest way to describe it is a combination of football and soccer, with a frisbee," sophomore Jeremy Hutchins said.

JujiTSU, composed of 15 to 20 players, practiced a couple times each week to prepare for the tournaments it played across the country.

The first tournament of 2007 was in Savannah, Ga., over midterm break, and the men placed 15th out of 35. Not all tournaments were several states away. The team also had played in Columbia, Mo., and St. Louis. Despite the lack of a home field advantage, team members viewed the season in a positive light.

Freshman Joey Kalan said his favorite game was the fall tournament in Columbia, Mo., against University of Kansas (Lawrence).

"I feel like we were playing our best game in that tournament all around," Kalan said. "The entire team played well together."

The Bulldogs unfortunately lost by a few points. Other games followed, and the team capped off the season with sectionals, regionals and nationals taking place in April and early May.

Truman State University did not host any Ultimate games or tournaments.

"One of the reasons is [that] we really don't have enough fields," Hutchins said. "We don't have anywhere to host [that is] big enough."

"We had a great year, and it's largely due to the chemistry on this year's team," Kalan said.

The Lingo

Put — When a person throws the frisbee to another person

Huck - A deep throw or

Deeps – Players that score

Handlers – Players who throw the frisbee

Source: sophomore Jeremy Hutchir

TSUNAMI, THE TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S ULTIMATE FRISBEE TEAM, COMPETED WELL IN THEIR THIRD SEASON TOUGH COMPETITION in the southwest region's Ozark section of the Ultimate Players Association. With the feam's primary coach and three of the top players studying abroad in he 2006-07 season, the team worked to reorganize and develop their winning team dynamic. Led by captains seniors. Christina Wirkus and Kate Sanders and junior Amanda Carron, the team's success continued. "I have heard that our region, mainly our section, is one of the friendliest sections," unior Lindsey Mueller said. "It's a good way to get to know people. The main season is the spring season, and that's when the competitive level really steps up." Starting off the spring 2007 season with a competitive third-place finish at the Mardi Gras tournament in Baton Rouge, La., the team enjoyed a three-tournament winning streak, showcasing their determination and talent. Fending off the University of Central Arkansas (Conway, Ark.) and Rhodes College (Memphis, Tenn.) at the Hendrix tournament in Conway, Ark., TSUnami continued their success at the Frostbite tournament, which included victories over Missouri State University (Springfield), Oklahoma State University-Stillwater, and University of Missouri-Columbia. At the three-day High Tide tournament, TSUnami won all 11 matches, including victories against Loyola University-Chicago and Michigan State University (East Lansing, Mich.). "This season we are performing well." Mueller said. "I think everyone is really stepping it up. As long as we can play the game we usually play-we call it our TSUnami game'-we will be able to do well.'



by Kyle Magee

Serving Victories

The Lingo

Serve — The shot that begins each point

Forehand — A shot hit from the racket side of the player's body; the right side for a right-hander

Backhand — A shot hit from the "wrong" side of the body, i.e., the side away from the racket; the left side for a right-handed player

Source: http://hickoksports.com

COMPETING AGAINST THREE NATIONALLY-RANKED NCAA DIVISION II TEAMS PROVIDED THE MEN'S TENNIS TEAM WITH AN IDEAL WAY TO CHALLENGE AND IMPROVE ITS PERFORMANCE.

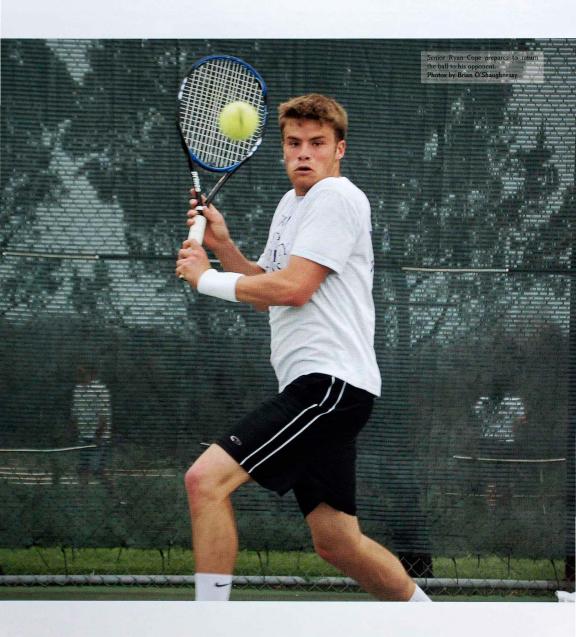
Led by senior Ryan Cope, the Bulldogs fought for a 1-1 MIAA record, part of their 9-4 overall winning record. Starting off its season with back-to-back victories against Colorado State University – Pueblo and Mesa State College (Colo.), the team continued its success with a 9-0 home defeat of William Jewell College (Liberty, Mo.), an important 7-2 away victory at Emporia State University (Kan.) and another solid 9-0 performance away against Quincy University (Ill.).

"Personally, I have lived up to what I wanted to do this season," Cope said. "As a team, we have won some close matches that we needed to win. Every year, our goal is to make the NCAA tournament. This year, we are well on pace to do that."

Never having advanced to the second round of the tournament, the Bulldogs looked to improve on their first-round exit slump. With Cope's solid performance, backed by consistent play from doubles teammate freshman Peter Bracha and the rest of the team, chances of progressing further could become a well-deserved reality.

"Playing well in the conference and regional matches is good," head coach Pete Kendall said. "I don't think we could ask more for everyone to really give it their all and work hard. I think we are pretty close to as good as we can be."







by Kyle Magee

Against the Odds

The Lingo

Ace — A serve that the opponent cannot return; as a verb to serve an ace

Deuce — When players are tied at 40 and a player must win two points in a row to win the game

Fault — An invalid service attempt

Set — A group of games won by the player or side that first wins at least six games with a two-game margin

Source: http://hickoksports.con

AFTER LOSING STAR PLAYER WHITNEY HAMILTON TO A COLLEGE TRANSFER AT THE START OF THE SEASON, the women's tennis team needed to come together and re-group to prepare for the 2006-07 season.

With hard work, the Bulldogs proved a formidable force against their MIAA opponents. Achieving a 0-3 record in the MIAA, the team fared well against other NCAA Division II competition for their 11-4 overall record.

"They know they have played well," head coach Pete Kendall said. "They have pretty much stepped up and continued to play well. I think they are all pretty confident about what they can accomplish."

Led by seniors Jessie Krause and Hannah Wittmer, the Bulldogs began their season well, winning their first two confrontations and enjoying a four-game win streak in March that included victories over Missouri Valley College (Marshall, Mo.) (6-0), Southern Illinois University–Edwardsville (5-3) and an important 7-2 win over William Jewell College (Liberty, Mo.).

Junior Jennifer Salmon and sophomores Courtney Walther and Lindsy Blair stepped up with solid performances to lead the team in improving their game for the next season. Walther was named to the All-MIAA First Team. Salmon, Blair and Wittmer also received Honorable Mentions.

"We have the same goal every year," Salmon said. "It's all team-oriented to make it to the national tournament. As a team, everybody gets along really great."





Cranium was only one of the new noncontact intramural activities offered. Photo illustration by Erin Hickman

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IT WAS SCOTT WAGNER'S FIRST YEAR AS TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY'S DIRECTOR OF INTRAMURAL RECREATIONAL SPORTS, and he made his presence

"One of the first things we talked about when I first came here was trying to expand our intramural program to meet the needs of the students in different areas other than just physical activities," Wagner said.

As a result, 16 new sports, 11 of which were non-contact events, were added to the 2006-07 lineup. Some of the activities included Fantasy Football, NCAA Pickems, Scrapbooking, Cranium, Texas Holdem Poker and T-Shirt Design. There were also new contact events added such as Blongoball and Pickleball.

With a total of 39 intramural activities offered, students were bound to find something they could participate in.

"I think basically the whole idea is there's something for everyone," Wagner said. "There are 6,000 students on this campus, and not every one of them wants to play basketball or softball."

While there was a lot of interest in some of the events, others went somewhat unnoticed. The Taboo intramural tournament, for instance, had to be cancelled because of lack of participation. Wagner said some activities could take time to catch on, but he would continue to include them in the lineup, at least for a while.

"If [the new activities] don't succeed we'll take them off, [but] usually I give an activity a year or two before taking it off the schedule," Wagner said.

Although not all the activities were immediate successes, Wagner said he thought the program got the names of the activities out to the students. He also said that in the coming years, intramural sports would continue to grow and expand, not only in offerings but in participation.

The addition of these new intramural activities gave every student on campus the

"My goal is to reach everyone so ... they feel like they've had some sort of intramural experience while they're here at Truman," Wagner said.

Grappling with Success

The Lingo

Bridge — The arched position a wrestler adopts to avoid his back touching the mat

Fall — Forcing an opponent's shoulders to the mat for a touch to halt and win the bout

Body throw – A move in which a wrestler locks arms around the body of his opponent and throws him to the mat

Source: http://olympic.org

With wrestling often considered the world's oldest sport, the truman state university team's efforts in the 2006-07 season proved things really do get better with age.

Throughout the season, sophomores Blake Peterson and Loyde Braidlow gave impressive performances, helping earn the Bulldogs several key victories against Central College (Iowa), Millikin University (III.) and Southwest Minnesota State University, propelling the team toward the NCAA Midwest Regional competition.

At regionals, the sophomore duo qualified for the NCAA National Championship meet with respectable performances. Braidlow finished fourth overall in the heavyweight division with a record of 2-2, while Peterson's record of 3-1 placed him third in his weight class.

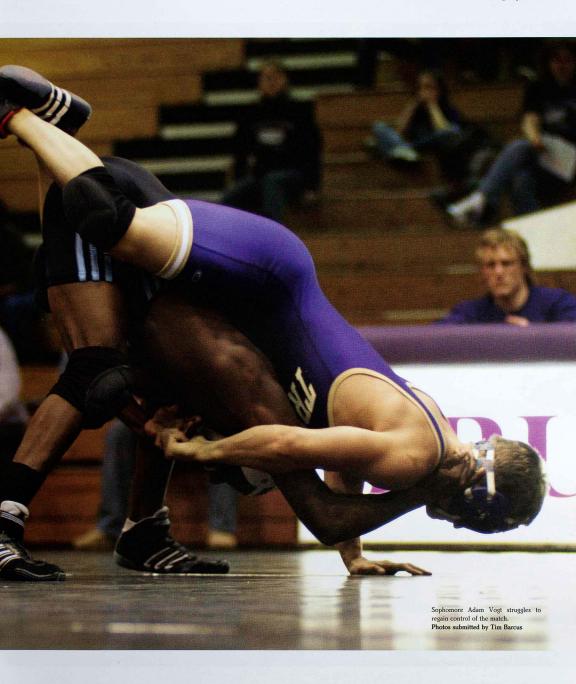
"My performance has steadily progressed," Peterson said. "We have had a lot tougher schedule this year, and my record reflects that. Being in competition like that is what makes you ready for a national tournament like we have coming up. I feel like I am peaking right at the right time, and as nationals comes around, I am right where I want to be."

At least one student athlete had qualified for a national championship meet every year since 1993, including 2006-07 qualifier Peterson.

The Bulldogs failed to experience the same success at home as they did on the road, however, dropping all three home competitions to Upper Iowa University, Southern Illinois University–Edwardsville, and Minnesota State University–Mankato.

"Coach Schutter has talked a lot about adversity," Peterson said. "He has got a different approach. It's a unique approach, but every year it works. He has been there before, he has had national champs before, he knows what it takes, and he is making sure we are going to be where we need to be."







Lifting

by Tonya Jackson & Jenna Keeven

IRON DOGS HAD ONLY BEEN AROUND FOUR YEARS, BUT THE CLUB HAD GROWN QUICKLY. The weightlifting club on campus, however, was still misunderstood.

"Iron Dogs is not just about weightlifting," senior Jared Nichols said. "... [Members] learn how to lift and learn how to be healthy. We're not just a bunch of meatheads."

At the 2007 National Collegiate Championships, the men's team and a co-ed team competed. The men placed 4th, and the co-ed team placed 2nd.

The Iron Dogs focused on two types of lifting: Olympic and power. Olympic lifters used maneuvers such the clean and jerk, a two-part lift, and the snatch, a one-part lift. Power lifters focused more on maneuvers such as the bench press, squatting and the dead lift.

The scoring process worked differently than most sports. Adviser Alex Koch said competitions within a meet were scored individually. The meets were then scored based on the total of the two competitions in the Olympic meets or three competitions in the power lifting meets. Lifters had three attempts at each lift, and their highest score was recorded.

Koch said some of his alumni had continued to compete in the American Open and the National Championships.

Iron Dogs provided a solid foundation for weightlifting, and Koch said he enjoyed coaching the club.

"The best thing about Iron Dogs is working with the students, teaching them how to lift and sharing the sport I love with them," Koch said.

The Lingo

Clean and Jerk - A twopart lift in which the weight must first be pulled from the platform to the shoulders in one motion jerk the weight overhead with a quick movement, ending with the arms fully extended and the body completely upright

Split To bend one leg forward, the other straight back, while lowering the body toward the floor









Series of Changeups

by Jenna Keeven

BULLDOG SOFTBALL FANS HAD TO TAKE SEVERAL RAIN CHECKS DURING THE 2006-07 SEASON.

With several rainouts, many of the team's games were rescheduled, and sometimes the Bulldogs went an entire week before playing another game.

"We've been plagued with rainouts and rescheduling this spring, which has been frustrating," head coach Erin Brown said. "That's been the theme of the year so far."

Because of the rainouts, the last three weeks of the season were filled with several conference and non-conference games.

The Bulldogs had other obstacles throughout the season. With only two pitchers, the coach pulled first baseman junior Katie Noski from pitching retirement to help pitch. During the Emporia State University (Kan.) tournament, senior pitcher Ashley McDougal pitched two full games because she was the only pitcher able to throw.

Aside from pitchers' sore arms, the team adjusted to new head coach Brown and a new assistant coach, Cathy Monroe. The team's field also was unplayable and had to be worked on, which limited the 'Dogs to playing only five home games during the last two weeks of the season.

Some of the best games, Brown said, included beating No. 2 University of Alabama in Huntsville 6-3 and No. 10 St. Mary's University (Texas) 1-0.

Brown said it was difficult to play consistently in the 2006-07 season when they would start to play and then get rained out.

"It's been a year of adjustment with a new coach and then trying to adjust to all the things that we've been dealt with this spring," she said.

The Lingo

Pitcher - The player who delivers the ball to the batter

Changeup – A pitch thrown deceptively slowly to surprise the batter

Curveball - A pitch thrown with a rotation that makes the ball curve

Fastball – A pitcher's fastest pitch

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Volleyball

University of Concordia - St. Paul 0-3 Nova Southeastern University (Fort Lauderdale-Davie, Fla.) 3-0 Florida Gulf Coast University (Fort Myers) 3-2 Barry University (Miami Shores, FL) 3-0 New Mexico Highlands University (Las Vegas) 3-0 University of Central Ohio (Edmond) 3-0 St. Edward's University (Austin, Texas) 3-0 College of the Southwest (Hobbs, New Mexico) 3-0 University of Nebraska-Omaha 3-0 Pittsburg State University (Kan.) 3-0 University of North Alabama (Florence) 3-1 University of Minnesota - Duluth 3-0 Northwest Missouri State University (Maryville) 3-2 Southwest Baptist University (Bolivar, Mo.) 3-1 Quincy University (Ill.) 3-0 Central Missouri State University (Warrensburg) 3-0 Missouri Western State University (St. Joseph) 3-0 Southern Illinois University - Edwardsville 3-0 Washburn University (Topeka, Kan.) 3-1 Emporia State University (Kan.) 3-1 University of Missouri - St. Louis 3-0 Missouri Southern State University (Joplin) 3-0 Fort Hays State University (Hays, Kan.) 3-0 Missouri Western State University (St. Joseph) 3-0 University of West Florida (Pensacola) 3-0 Henderson State University (Arkadelphia, Ark.) 3-0 University of Alabama - Huntsville 3-0 Arkansas Tech University (Russellville) 3-0 Columbia College (Mo.) 3-0 Iowa Weslevan College (Mount Pleasant) 3-0 Central Missouri State University (Warrensburg) 3-1 Southwest Baptist University (Bolivar, Mo.) 3-0 Northwest Missouri State University (Maryville) 3-1 Emporia State University (Kan.) 3-0

Football

Pittsburg State University (Kan.) 3-1

Albany State University (Goergia) 3-0

Washburn University (Topeka, Kan.) 3-0

Minnesota State University - Mankato 34-16 Winona State University (Minn.) 24-13 Northwest Missouri State University (Maryville) 31-10 Central Missouri State University (Warrensburg) 24-21 Missouri Western State University (St. Joseph) 38-13 Missouri Southern State University (Joplin) 35-28 Emporia State University (Kan.) 14-13 Washburn University (Topeka, Kan.) 21-7 Pittsburg State University (Kan.) 45-21 Southwest Baptist University (Bolivar, Mo.) 45-28 Fort Hays State University (Hays, Kan.) 40-15

Men's Golf

Washburn Invitational (Topeka, Kan.) 7th Missouri Southern Spring Invite (Joplin, Mo.) 6th Kansas City Intercollegiate (Swope Park) 12th Missouri Invitational (Lake Ozark, Mo.) 9th Quincy Fall Invitational (Quincy, Ill.) 1st SBU Bearcat Invitational (Bolivar, Mo.) 8th Pittsburg State Invitational (Pittsburg, Kan.) 8th

Volleyball



FRONT ROW: Jason Skoch, Alex Baker, Sarah Shearman, Erin Leavitt, Krysta Tholen, Julie Johnson, Eli Medina, Tiffany Graham SECOND ROW: Ben Briney, Susie Lecher, Whitney Boehler, Allison Barker, Lauren Graybeal, Erin Hattey, Lisa Weber BACK ROW: Allie Cherven, Kelsey Wackerman, Christine Wagener, Dana Hanselmann, Melissa Keck, Kristen Nissen

Football



FRONT ROW: Eric Blake, Brandon Crawford, Dwayne Riley, Chandler Terry, Derek Rodriguez, Phillip Henry, Alton Nobles, left Amundson, Stephon Hayden, Tommy Long, Phillip Hawley, Dan McCoy, Jamel Ahmed, Ryan Jackson SECOND ROW: Dan Bryar, T.J. Tolliver, Darnell Williams, Donald Stevenson, Cameron Poole, Phil Kenney, Matt Ticich, Jeff Sanders, Nick Nathan, Alex Van Delft, University of North Alabama (Florence) 2-3 Calvin Van O'Linda, Alex Miller, Justin Foster, Mike Davis, Keith Starr THIRD ROW: LaTrenton Peek, Vanness Emokpae, Emet Wade, Wallie Kuchinski, Daric Riley, Josh Kotelnicki, Shannon Currier, Lawerence Kershaw, John Thomas, Courtney Farrell, Michael Masucci, Aaron Vlcko, Anton Bernard, Marquis Brothers FOURTH ROW: John Smith, Kendrick Blue, Jonathan Duffy, Danny Baker, Kyle Glenn, Josh Terrian, Eric Sternberg, Robert Massop, James Thabuteau, Andy Swedenhjelm, James Perry, Darryl Reddick, Jake Cunningham, Mickey Masucci, Evan Maifeld FIFTH ROW: Brian Smith, Phillip Davis, Andrew Pitts, Jesse Cooper, Matt Burel, Josh Lucas, Jason Thier, Kyle Supianoski, Richard Schroeder, Courtney Jordan, Charlie Brunette, Larry Giglio, Jr., Mike Gaston-Bell, Antonio Glover SIXTH ROW: Luke Wenger, Opeyemi Amosu, Justin Anderson, Eric Littles, Andrew Heiligenstein, Tim Bauman, Michael Long, Brad Crader, Cole Voigt, Ryan Bonner, Josh Mayson, Steve Jurkovich, Roger Alexander, Marvin Bembry, Erik Ruzicka SEVENTH ROW: Billy Oline, Nathan Vickers, Wes Hadler, Ted Esbrook, Mike Shelden, Mike Devine, Tyrone McCormick, Aaron Lowe, Steven Holman, Richard Mayson, Les Hammers, Justin Smith, Ryan Ploesser, Shad McChesney BACK ROW: Brenton Reese, Keith Alberti, Shea Carr, Pat Murray, Mike Fetterman, Steve D'Antonio, Jon Frantz, Ryan King, Jon Gialds, Dan Brannen, Sidney Williams, Rashaad Barnett

Men's Golf



FRONT ROW: Andy Herington, Matt Rhodes, Nathan Russell BACK ROW: Jim Berrey, Jesse Helms, Michael Spaulding, Blake Karls Adam Clatterbuck, Scott Danielson, Kevin White



FRONT ROW: Craig Beil, Nathan Pearsall, Dan Meagher, Matt McCarthy, Nick Zarkadis, Ryan Cravens, Jack Randazzo, Nick Cepicky SECOND ROW: Duke Cochran, Jason Douglas, Jeff Goodrich, Max Dehaven, Chris Kirkweg, Ryan Farrar, Ben Hoyt, Charlie Garber, Nick Schichtman, Drew Pauk THIRD ROW: John Smith, Dan Wehrmann, Josh Weir, Dan Russell, Matt Taylor, Aldo Muniz, Drew Vogt, Robbie Narrow BACK ROW: Dan Gajewski, Ben Green, Robbie Madison, Gavin Kempe, Nate Vannatta

Men's Soccer

Rockhurst University (Kansas City, Mo.) 1-1 Drury University (Springfield, Mo.) 1-1 Mercyhurst University (Erie, Penn.) 2-1 Gannon University (Erie, Penn.) 10 Upper Iowa University (Fayette) 5-1 University of Missouri - St. Louis 0-1 Iowa Weslevan College (Mount Pleasant) 1-2 Newman University (Wichita, Kan.) 3-0 Missouri Southern State University (Joplin) 0-1 Northeast State University (Tahlequah, Oklahoma) 0-1 Northwestern College (Orange City, Iowa) 6-1 Graceland University (Lamoni, Iowa) 0-2 **Northwoods???*** 1-0 Lewis University (Romeoville, Ill.) 0-1 Quincy University (Ill.) 1-0 Southern Illinois University - Edwardsville 0-1 University of Missouri - Rolla 1-1 Saginaw Valley State University (University Center, Iowa) 3-1

Women's Soccer



FRONT ROW: Rachael Schmidt, Theresa Bauler, Kim Wolff, Kristin Halusczak, Lauren Hawks, Katie Buehler, Robyn Mortenson, Emily Newsham, Rachel Ward. SECOND ROW: Michael Cannon, Emily Huyck, Brigitte Pohren, Katie Ruefer, Denise Childress, Lauren Davis, Emily Rroak, Lisa Nadeau, Alaina Richarz, Isabel Gaeta. BACK ROW: Melissa Snodgrass, Kera Reilly, Katie Hinrichs, Riley Mahn, Jessica Wiegert, Simone Skraba, Katelyn Talcott, Kelsey Richters, Katie Buning.

Women's Soccer

University of Minnesota - Mankato 2-1 St. Cloud State University (Minn.) 4-1 University of Nebraska - Omaha 0-1 University of North Dakota - Grand Forks 2-0 Upper Iowa University (Fayette) 4-0 Winona State University (Minn.) 2-0 Emporia State University (Kan.) 2-0 Washburn University (Topeka, Kan.) 1-2 Southwest Baptist University (Bolivar, Mo.) 0-0 Missouri Southern State University (Joplin) 1-1 Northwest Missouri State University (Maryville) 1-0 Missouri Western State University (St. Joseph) 3-0 Central Missouri State University (Warrensburg) 1-0 Southwest Baptist University (Bolivar, Mo.) 0-1 Missouri Southern State University (Joplin) 0-1 Washburn University (Topeka, Kan.) 1-1 Emporia State University (Kan.) 2-0 Central Missouri State University (Warrensburg) 0-1 Missouri Western State University (St. Joseph) 3-0 Northwest Missouri State University (Maryville) 4-0

Women's Golf



FRONT ROW: Lindsay Dodge, Alexandria Ramirez, Marta Samojluk, Amanda Senn, Sara Cloyd BACK ROW: Laura Westensee, Erin Semple, lennifer Sternecker, Julie Williams, Krystal Limsiaco

Women's Golf

Bulldog Invitational (Kirksville, Mo.) 1st Upper Iowa Invite (Fayette, Iowa) 3rd Ironwood Invitational (Omaha, Neb.) 3rd Mankato Spring Invite (Waseca, Minn.) 5th Fall Round-Up (St. James, Minn.) 3rd Drury Invitational (Springfield, Mo.) 11th Illinois Wesleyan (Normal III.) 12th Mustang Invite (Marshall, Minn.) 5th Prairie Fire Invite (Lincoln, Neb.) 2nd Kenneth Smith Tournament (Lee's Summit Mo.) 10th

Men's Basketball

Missouri State University (Springfield) 59-74 Drake University (Des Moines, Iowa) 59-91 Central Christian College (Moberly, Mo.) 73-26 Armstrong Atlantic University (Savannah, Georgia) 67-70 University of Missouri-Rolla 76-62 Quincy University (Ill.) 76-82 Culver-Stockton College (Canton, Mo.) 87-76 Hannible - LaGrange College (Mo.) 75-69 Vennard College (University Park, Iowa) 60-28 Missouri Southern State University (Joplin) 70-53 Robert Morris College - Springfield (Ill.) 75-67 Quincy University (III.) 78-88 Pittsburg State University (Kan.) 63-68 Fort Hays State University (Hays, Kan.) 70-59 Missouri Western State University (St. Joseph) 74-60 Emporia State University (Kan.) 60-63 Washburn University (Topeka, Kan.) 60-45 Northwest Missouri State University (Maryville) 52-70 Southwest Baptist University (Bolivar, Mo.) 81-68 Central Missouri State University (Warrensburg) 64-77 Missouri Southern State University (Joplin) 76-68 Central Missouri State University (Warrensburg) 47-66 Southwest Baptist University (Bolivar, Mo.) 60-53 Northwest Missouri State University (Maryville) 50-64 Washburn University (Topeka, Kan.) 58-68 Missouri Western State University (St. Joseph) 64-68 Fort Hays State University (Hays, Kan.) 64-59 Emporia State University (Kan.) 88-78 Pittsburg State University (Kan.) 65-68

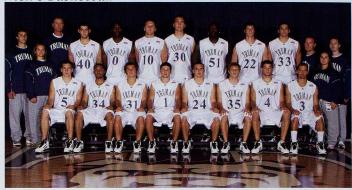
Men's Cross Country

Miner Invitational (Rolla, Mo.) 2nd Southern Stampede (Joplin, Mo.) 8th Emporia State University Jock's Nitch Invitational (Kan.) 3rd Border State Invitational (Edwardsville, Ill.) 14th MIAA Championship (Alma, Mich.) 6th NCAA South Central Regional (Waco, Texas) 8th

Women's Cross Country

Miner Invitational (Rolla, Mo.) 3rd Southern Stampede (Joplin, Mo.) 18th Emporia State University Jock's Nitch Invitational (Kan.) 3rd Border State Invitational (Edwardsville, Ill.) 13th MIAA Championship (Alma, Mich.) 7th NCAA South Central Regional (Waco, Texas)?

Men's Basketball



FRONT ROW: Athletic staff, Gabe Landau, Athletic staff, Matt Taylor, Travis Kern, Austin Kirby, Todd Kulage, Banks Estridge, Josias Flynn, Athletic staff BACK ROW: Athletic staff, Jack Schrader, Ryan Robbinson, Patrick Fandja, Andy Calmes, Garret Grimm, Grant Agbo, Nick Certa, Andrew Vonderhaar, Tim Deidrick, John Scognamilio

Men's Cross Country



FRONT ROW: Kurtis Werner, John Chenault, Eric Wittrock, Adam Kell, David Yonce, Bryant England, John Dirnberger BACK ROW: Zach Chapman, Jason Simpson, David Bayless, Nick Tegtmeier, Michael Justus, Tad Dallas, Steve Porath

Women's Cross Country



Kristi Bornhoft, Danna Kelly, Meagan Robertson, Jacquie Faust, Alana Walker, Fiona Williams, Jaclyn Trapp

Women's Basketball



FRONT ROW: Georgia Mueller, Lindsey Edgeman, Laura Joya, Sarah Seberger, Jennifer Franklin, Sarah Gordon, Julie Guinn BACK ROW: Rachel Hofmeister, Arthletic staff, Marne Fauser, Carmen McGee, Katte Fowler, Natalie Schupbach, Laura Cooper, Candace McGee, Julie Mentebello, John Sloop, Ernijf Markovich

Men's Swimming



FRONT ROW: Eric Paden, Whitney Jensen, Chris Pearson, Matt Schwiebert, Kevin Schoelz, Kyle Ruiz, Ryan Ferrell, Mark Gole SECOND ROW: Mike Wasikowski, Darren McDivitt, Adam Pruess, Mike Smyers, Chris Hagan, Alex Pippett, Andrew Berdine, Alex Totura, Kevin Johnson BACK ROW: Jason Stokes, Tom Applegate, Andrew McCall, Peter McCall, Bryce Harken, Duncan Stephens, Jon Strom, Robert Fletcher

Women's Swimming



FRONT ROW: Danielle Odenthal, Emily Chadwick, Emily Greenwood, Lija Kaleps-Clark, Brigit Brunsman, Karen Goolsby, Stephanie Robinson, Whitney Wookstrahil SEcOOND ROW: Kendra Brunkow, Amanda Hogan, Nicole Sharp, Laura Harp, Lindsay Kuper, Erika Anderson, Brittany Anderson, Katie Welsh BACK ROW: Eric Paden, Jessei Lemaster, Catherine Sonnichsen, Jacqui Dempsey, Whitney Jensen, Mark Gole, Lindsay Vaughn, Emily Pufall, Katherine Aheme, Molly Polette, Mike Wasikowski

Women's Basketball

Bradley University (Peoria, Ill.) 42-56 University of Missouri - Columbia 36-94 Harris - Stowe State University (St. Louis, Mo.) 73-56 Drury University (Springfield, Mo.) 55-77 William Penn University (Oskaloosa, Iowa) 89-63 University of Illinois - Springfield 66-60 Lincoln University (Jefferson City, Mo.) 64-50 Lincoln University (Jefferson City, Mo.) 60-44 Missouri Southern State University (Joplin) 36-53 Rockhurst University (Kansas City, Mo.) 54-63 University of Missouri - Rolla 55-57 Fort Havs State University (Havs, Kan.) 65-69 Missouri Western State University (St. Joseph) 73-81 Emporia State University (Kan.) 57-64 Washburn University (Topeka, Kan.) 58-83 Northwest Missouri State University (Maryville) 57-80 Southwest Baptist University (Bolivar, Mo.) 77-66 Central Missouri State University (Warrensburg) 61-59 Missouri Southern State University (Joplin) 71-55 Quincy University (Ill.) 67-76 Central Missouri State University (Warrensburg) 62-98 Southwest Baptist University (Bolivar, Mo.) 53-66 Northwest Missouri State University (Maryville) 70-80 Washburn University (Topeka, Kan.) 63-94 Missouri Western State University (St. Joseph) 74-84 Fort Havs State University (Havs, Kan.) 63-79 Emporia State University (Kan.) 62-77 Pittsburg State University (Kan.) 77-82

Men's Swimming

Missouri State University (Springfield) 103-176
Bulldog Invitational NTR
University of Iowa (Iowa City) 149-156
University of Missouri - Columbia 178-179
Miami Invitational (Oxford, Ohio) NTR
University of Indianapolis (Indiana) NTR
University of Missouri - Rolla 119-181
Drury University (Springfield, Mo.) 132-170
NSISC Championships (Cleveland, Miss.) NTR
NCAA Championships (Buffalo, N.Y.) NTR

Women's Swimming

Missouri State University (Springfield) 132-162 Bulldog Invitational NTR University of Iowa (Iowa City) 135-170 University of Missouri - Columbia 173-189 Miami Invitational (Oxford, Ohio) NTR University of Indianapolis (Indiana) NTR Drury University (Springfield, Mo.) 185-118 NSISC Championships (Cleveland, Miss.) NTR NCAA Championships (Buffalo, N.Y.) 2nd

Men's Track

Cyclone Holiday Classic (Ames, Iowa) NTR Iowa Hawkeye Open (Iowa City) NTR Iowa State Open (Ames) NTR Illinois College Invitational (Jacksonville) 3rd Augustana Invitational (Rock Island, II.) 2nd Mule Relays (Warrensburg, Mo.) NTR Knox Invitational (Galesburg, Ill.) NTR MIAA Indoor Championship (Warrensburg, Mo.) NTR NCAA Division II Championships (Boston, Mass.)

Augustana Early Spring Open (Rock Island, Ill.) NTR Truman Open NTR Northwest Missouri Invitational (Maryville) NTR Division II Challenge (Charlotte, NC) NTR Drake Relays (Des Moines, Iowa) NTR Kip Janvrin Open (Indianola, Iowa) NTR MIAA Combined Events (Emporia, Kan.) NTR MIAA Outdoor Championships (Fort Havs, Kan.) NTR Emporia State Twilight Qualifier (Emporia, Kan.) NTR

NCAA Division II Championships (Charlotte, NC) NTR

Men's and Women's Track



Dewey Allgood Invitational (Rolla, Mo.) NTR FRONT ROW: Fiona Williams, Jacquie Faust, Karrina Biermann, Alexis Meinke, Sarah Bell, Ashley Peters, Neosha Hayes, Amber Clayton, Megan Robertson, Kristen Klesh SECOND ROW: Charlie Brandhorst, Jack Chenault, Bridgette Carpenter, Lisa Langenfeld, Crystal Cunningham, Samantha Cassmeyer, Shaina Dochterman, Kortney Holeman, Tessa Letuli, Shannon Harbaugh, Christen Lauer, Philip Baughman THIRD ROW: Matt Olson, Eric Ruzicka, Sean Bergstedt, Ian Rainey, Jacob Schrum, Ashley Bernard, Ashley Colon, Danna Kelly, Keyonna Smith, Eric Wittrock, David Yonce, Chad Pepmiller, Michael Justus BACK ROW: Kurtis Werner, Zach Chapman, David Bayless, Adam Kell, Kevin Crean, Tad Dallas, Joseph Ackermann, Bryant England, Nick Tegtmeier, Ryan Jackson, Jacob Ackermann, Jamal Ahmed, Adam Howell, John Dirnberger, Steve Porath, Jason Simpson, Jeremy Hellwig

Women's Track

Cyclone Holiday Classic (Ames, Iowa) NTR Iowa Hawkeye Open (Iowa City) NTR Iowa State Open (Ames) NTR Illinois College Invitational (Jacksonville) 1st Augustana Invitational (Rock Island, II.) 2nd Mule Relays (Warrensburg, Mo.) NTR Knox Invitational (Galesburg, Ill.) NTR MIAA Indoor Championship (Warrensburg, Mo.) NTR NCAA Division II Championships (Boston, Mass.) Augustana Early Spring Open (Rock Island, Ill.) NTR Truman Open NTR Northwest Missouri Invitational (Maryville) NTR Division II Challenge (Charlotte, NC) NTR Dewey Allgood Invitational (Rolla, Mo.) NTR Drake Relays (Des Moines, Iowa) NTR Kip Janvrin Open (Indianola, Iowa) NTR MIAA Combined Events (Emporia, Kan.) NTR MIAA Outdoor Championships (Fort Hays, Kan.) NTR Emporia State Twilight Qualifier (Emporia, Kan.) NTR JujiTSU Ultimate Frisbee NCAA Division II Championships (Charlotte, NC) NTR

Bullets Rugby



FRONT ROW: Rebecca Mayfield, Ashley Goss, Rachel Shelton, Deborah Miller, Natalie Gerhart, Julie Denton, Kristin Bennett, Courtney Harrel, Anna Schweig SECOND ROW: Lori Peters, Emma Greenwood, Leilani Sua, Lauren Nelson, La 'Chelle Moore, Lizzi Brown, Lauren White, Alison Hays BACK ROW: Angela Ripper, Helen Russell, Trista Witteried, Jami Smiley, Meredith Stalker, Sarah Foltz, Jessica Stewart, Theresa Williams



FRONT ROW: Caleb Stanek, David Leu, Alex Thierry, Bryan De Guzman SECOND ROW: Chris Thomson, Jeff Cohee, Bo Burasco, Ryan Turner, Nate Sullivan, Ben Gibson THIRD ROW: John Weaver, Thomas Yonker, Brian O'Shaughnessy, Sam Schnurbusch, Ryan Brewer, Charles Tomlinson

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Men's Tennis Western Illinois Tournament (Macomb) NTR Ouincy University (Ill.) 9-0 Truman Invitational NTR Westminster College (Fulton, Mo.) 9-0 ITA Regional Tournament (Maryville, Mo.) NTR Principia Tournament (Elsah, Ill.) NTR Colorado State University - Pueblo 6-3 Mesa State College (Grand Junction, Co.) 8-1 Metropolitan State College of Denver (Co.) 4-5 Rockhurst University (Kansas City, Mo.) 3-6 William Jewell College (Liberty, Mo.) 9-0 University Of Nebraska Kearney 4-5 Missouri Valley College (Marshall, Mo.) 7-2 Southern Illinois University - Edwardsville 5-2 Washburn University (Topeka, Kan.) 1-6 Emporia State University (Kan.) 7-2 Quincy University (Ill.) 9-0 St. Cloud State University (Minn.) 54 Winona State University (Minn.) 9-0 Minnesota State University - Mankato 9-0 Northwest Missouri State University (Maryville) 3-6 Central College (Pella, Iowa) 7-2 Southwest Baptist University (Bolivar, Mo.) 1-5 MIAA Conference Tournament (St. Joseph, Mo.) NTR Emporia State University (Kan.) 5-2 Northwest Missouri State University (Maryville) 0-5 NCAA 1st & 2nd Rounds ** NCAA Championships (Altamonte Springs, Fla.) *****

Women's Tennis

Truman Invitational NTR Ouincy University (Ill.) 7-2 Westminster College (Fulton, Mo.) 9-0 ITA Regional Tournament (Topeka, Kan.) NTR Central College (Pella, Iowa) 8-1 Upper Iowa University (Fayette) 9-0 Western Illinois Tournament NTR Principia Tournament (Elsah, Ill.) NTR Colorado State University - Pueblo 9-0 Metropolitan State College of Denver (Co.) 5-0 Rockhurst University (Kansas City, Mo.) 2-7 William Jewell College (Liberty, Mo.) 7-2 University Of Nebraska Kearney 6-3 Missouri Valley College (Marshall, Mo.) 6-0 Southern Illinois University - Edwardsville 5-3 Washburn University (Topeka, Kan.) 3-6 Emporia State University (Kan.) 2-7 Quincy University (Ill.) 6-1 Missouri Southern State University (Ioplin) 4-5 Minnesota State University - Duluth 2-7 Winona State University (Minn.) 7-2 Minnesota State University - Mankato 5-4 Northwest Missouri State University (Maryville) 3-6 Missouri Western State University (St. Joseph) 7-2 Southwest Baptist University (Bolivar, Mo.) 2-5 Fort Hays State University (Hays, Kan.) 5-4 MIAA Conference Tournament (St. Joseph, Mo.) NTR Northwest Missouri State University (Maryville) 5-4 Emporia State University (Kan.) 0-5 Southwest Baptist University (Bolivar, Mo.) 2-5 NCAA 1st & 2nd Rounds ' NCAA Championships (Altamonte Springs, Fla.) *****



FRONT ROW: Courtney Walther, Lindsy Blair, Hannah Wittmer, Taylor Warden, Samanntha McClure SECOND ROW: Pete Kendall, Ben Rusk, Jessie Krauss, Jennifer Salmon, Duyen Van, Cody Pusateri, Athletic staff BACK ROW: Peter Bracha, John Rothfusz, Kyle Schlotz, Steven Hipkiss, David Sherwood, Ryan Cope

Iron Dogs



FRONT ROW: Kendra Davis, Ambrose Serrano, Lesley Lovesee BACK ROW: Wes Glenn, Kyle Mack, Michael Landran, Shea

TSUnami Ultimate Frisbee



FRONT ROW: Stephanie Maassen, Christina Wirkus, Mandy Duffey, Sarah Hobbs, Jessica Langford SECOND ROW: Laura Halfmann, Mona Baucom, Emily Tobias, Julie Sztukowski, Lindsey Mueller, Jessie Elledge BACK ROW: Courtney Moran, Kate Sanders, Eric Snyder, Stuart Jack, Sara Pollock, Valerie Moody

Wrestling

Central Missouri State Open (Warrensburg) NTR Central College (Pella, Iowa) 38-9 Morningside College (Pella, Iowa) 25-15 Nebraska-Omaha Open NTR Univiversity of Missouri Open (Columbia) NTR Simpson Invitational (Indianola, Iowa) NTR Millikin University (Decatur, Ill.) 30-18 MacMurray College Open (Jacksonville, Ill.) NTR Midwest Classic (Indianapolis, Ind.) NTR Upper Iowa Univerity (Fayette) 12-25 Central Missouri State University (Warrensburg) 31-12 University Of Indianapolis (Indiana) 12-40 Missouri Baptist College (St. Louis) 20-23 Southern Illinois University - Edwardsville 18-25 Minnesota State University - Mankato 3-32 Minnesota State University - Moorhead 13-29 University of Nebraska - Kearney 13-34 Northern State University (Aberdeen, SD) 27-17 Minnesota State University (St. Marshall) 28-17 Missouri Valley College (Marshall) NTR University of Central Oklahoma (Edmond) 0-44 Oklahoma City University (Oklahoma) 23-25 NCAA Midwest Regional (Ashland, Ohio) NTR NCAA Championship (Kearney, Neb.) NTR

Baseball

Drury University (Springfield, Mo.) 0-10/7-12 University of Missouri - Rolla 1-9/2-13 Central Methodist University (Fayette, Mo.) 8-6/12-4 Quincy University (Ill.) 1-6/0-4 Ouincy University (Ill.) 2-7/2-3 Hannible - LaGrange College (Mo.) 9-5/6-7 Pittsburg State University (Kan.) 0-11 Pittsburg State University (Kan.) 14/34 Upper Iowa University (Fayette) 5-6 Missouri Western State University (St. Joseph) 6-19 Missouri Western State University (St. Joseph) 7-9 Missouri Western State University (St. Joseph) 9-3/5-12 Southwest Baptist University (Bolivar, Mo.) 3-10/5-8 Central Missouri State University (Warrensburg) 5-18/4-13 Fort Hays State University (Hays, Kan.) 2-1/3-6 Fort Hays State University (Hays, Kan.) 1-7/0-11 Missouri Southern State University (Joplin) 4-5 Missouri Southern State University (Joplin) 3-9/6-4 Central Missouri State University (Warrensburg) 4-9/0-13 Washburn University (Topeka, Kan.) 8-5 Washburn University (Topeka, Kan.) 4-3/4-8 Washburn University (Topeka, Kan.) 13-21 Northwest Missouri State University (Maryville) 1-12 Northwest Missouri State University (Maryville) 4-5/6-9 Northwest Missouri State University (Maryville) 1-12 Emporia State University (Kan.) 3-4/0-17 Emporia State University (Kan.) 0-6/6-17

Wrestling



FRONT ROW: Steve Cox, Kazuyuki Hasimoto, Andrew Bader, Jake Nay, Cody Gillenwater, Travis Jones, Dexter Sieiter, Dan Keller, Mitchell Bainbridge, David Schuuter SECOND ROW: Tom Tajkowski, Aaron Bland, Rob Nahlik, Andrew Isbell, Michael Burnett, John Horman, Cameron Mitchell, Chad Swagman, Bryan Isbell, Jeremiah Billington BACK ROW: Tim Wolkey, Blake Peterson, Gordon Harrison, Steven Doeschot, Matt Craig, Loyde Braidlow, Joe Bazooka, Dean Shultz, Aaron Clanahan, Vince Vitatoe,

Baseball



FRONT ROW: Kevin Sweeney, Neil Bleish, Matt Macke, Brian Wilkin, Corey Tomasek, Zach Cox, Brandon Pearl, Athletic Staff SECOND ROW: Richard Lloyd, Corey Eagen, A.J. Barton, Quinten Fisher, Matt Over, Mike Franz, Andy Schulte, Keaton Jones, Athletic Staff BACK ROW: John Smith, Larry Hall, Jesse Brady, Dan Brannen, Pete Johnson, Justin Robbins, Jason Thomas, Dan Davis

Showgirls



FRONT ROW: Kelly Schreck, Rachel Haberstroh, Kristin Hohmeier, Kelsey Monsaert SECOND ROW: Alli Nartker, Katie Vanderhoof, Samantha Allinson, Amie Wilcoxen, Elizabeth Bonanno BACK ROW: Sarah Collier, Meredith Engel, Kate Hagenhoff, Allison Feist, Kelsey Menke

Softball

Women's Softball Wayne State University (Detroit, Mich.) 0-1 Delta State University (Cleveland, MS) 4-5 University of Alabama - Huntsville 6-3 Georgia College and State University (Milledgeville) 0-7 St. Edwards University (Austin, Texas) 1-9/4-8 New Mexico Highlands University (Las Vegas) 9-1 St. Mary's University (San Antonio, Texas) 1-0 Regis University (Denver, Co.) 3-5 St. Edwards University (Austin, Texas) 14 University of Incarnate Word (San Antonio, Texas) 1-2 Quincy University (Ill.) 4-6/3-4 Oklahoma City University (Oklahoma) 1-11

Winona State University (Minn.) 1-0 Missouri Southern State University (Joplin) ***** Lincoln University of Missouri (Jefferson City) 9-2/3-4 University of Missouri - Rolla 2-0/2-3

University of Minnesota - Crookston 11-1 University of Central Oklahoma (Edmond) 4-5 Bemidii State University (Minn.) 11-3

Northwest Missouri State University (Maryville) 3-9/2-8 Washburn University (Topeka, Kan.) ** Fort Hays State University (Hays, Kan.) **** Missouri Western State University (St. Joseph) **** Washburn University (Topeka, Kan.) **** Augustana College (Sioux Falls, SD) 3-7 University of South Dakota (Vermillon) 5-1



FRONT ROW: Katie Jeannin, Sherri Johnson, Katie Noski, Lindsey Rock SECOND ROW: Kali Holleran, Christen Belcher, Rebekah Shea, Jessie Shelman BACK ROW: Gina Walsh, Hallie Blackney, Erica LaCombe, Ashley McDougal, Natalie Soltys, Dani Meyer





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Former Kirksville mayor indicted on arson charges



Former Kirksville mayor Debbie Masten participates in a city council meeting. Photo submitted by Jackson Groves

By Jenna Keeven

FORMER KIRKSVILLE MAYOR DEBBIE MASTEN WAS INDICTED on federal arson charges in December.

The indictment stated that Masten deliberately set her restaurant, Too Talls Two Eatery and Spirits, on fire Jan. 1, 2005.

After investigation, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives reported Masten was their only suspect. After Masten turned herself in, she paid a \$25,000 unsecured bond and was released.

The court date had not been set at the time of publication.

Carbon monoxide kills seven Kirksville residents



Kirksville Police Chief Jim Hughes and Adair County Coroner Brian Noe brief a meeting concerning the carbon monoxide deaths.

Photo submitted by Jackson Groves

By Jenna Keeven

SEVEN KIRKSVILLE RESIDENTS DIED DEC. 16 IN A DUPLEX AT 704 ERIN PLACE.

The victims included Maranda McDermott, 23, her two children Adam McDermott, 1, and Melina McDermott, 23 months, Phillip Scruggs, 21, Rachel Findling, 21, Reginald Washington, 21, and Jeremy J.C. Liner, 19.

Autopsy reports said the victims were subjected to carbon monoxide poisoning.

No other signs of abnormalities were observed.



The Missouri Miracle was covered widely by local and national newspapers and magazines. Photo by Emmy Thomson

Kidnapped Missouri boys return home

By Jenna Keeven

JAN. 12 MARKED THE DAY OF THE MISSOURI MIRACLE.

Police found 13-year-old Ben Ownby, who had gone missing 4 1/2 days earlier, in an apartment belonging to 41-year-old Michael Devlin. Authorities also found 15-year-old Shawn Hornbeck, who had been missing for 4 1/2 years, in the same apartment.

Devlin was charged with kidnapping and 17 counts of forcible sodomy against Ownby as well as kidnapping and 52 counts of sexual assault against Hornbeck.

Cardinals win World Series

By Emmy Thomson

THE ST. LOUIS CARDINALS WON GAME 5 OF THE 2006 WORLD SERIES AGAINST THE DETROIT TIGERS, 4-2. The win cinched the team's 10th World Series title, their first in 24 years.

Because of the Cardinals' weak entrance into the playoffs after winning only 83 of 161 games in the regular season, many baseball fans wrote them off as unlikely to win. The team quickly changed this view by defeating the Tigers who, unlike the Cardinals, immediately won the American League Championship and had six days of rest prior to the World Series. The Cardinals went straight from winning the National League Championship to playing against the Tigers without much time to catch their breath.

The Detroit pitchers made five errors in the Series, breaking a World Series record.

Cardinals pitcher Jeff Weaver let Detroit have only one earned run on four hits and struck out nine and walked one in eight innings.

Yadier Molina, who sent the Cardinals to the World Series with his winning home run in Game 7 of the National League Championship against the New York Mets, showed his ability again when he went 3-for-4 with two runs scored during the final World Series game.

Cardinals closer Adam Wainwright pitched the ninth inning, striking out Brandon Inge to end the game for the win. David Eckstein received the most valuable player honor, wrapping up a memorable World Series.



St. Louis Cardinals fans crowd Busch Stadium in a sea of red to show support for their team during Game 4 of the World Series.

Photo by Jenna Keeven

Spears and Federline split

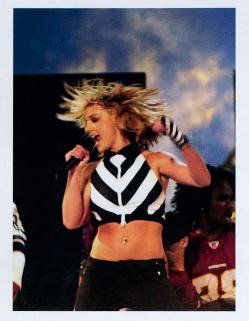
By Emmy Thomson

AFTER TWO YEARS OF MARRIAGE, POP SINGER BRITNEY SPEARS AND FORMER BACKUP DANCER KEVIN FEDERLINE FILED FOR DIVORCE NOV. 7, 2006.

The couple, who married Oct. 6., 2004, cited irreconcilable differences as the reason for divorce. Spears's petition asked for legal and physical custody of their two sons, one-year-old Sean Preston and two-month-old Jayden James, with visitation rights for Federline.

In February 2007, Spears received intense media attention after she shaved her head and admitted herself into a treatment facility. Spears was in and out of California rehabilitation centers three times within that week. During that time, she faced possible loss of custody rights of her children to Federline. She remained in a rehabilitation facility from Feb. 22, 2007, until March 20, 2007, reportedly upon finishing treatment.

The divorce reportedly cost Spears \$13 million, including \$25,000 a month in child support for each son until they reach 18. Federline had custody of the boys four days a week as of April 2007. He could keep all gifts Spears had bought him during their marriage, but he was forbidden from writing a tell-all.



Britney Spears performs on the National Mall on Sept. 4, 2003, before her

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Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes in Sunnyvale, Calif., four months after their wedding. Photo from http://commons.wikimedia.org

Cruise and **Holmes marry**

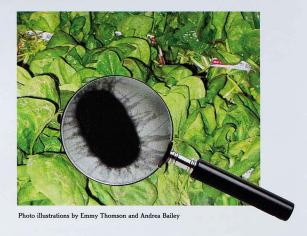
By Emmy Thomson

TOM CRUISE AND KATIE HOLMES WED NOV. 18, 2006, AT THE ODESCALCHI CASTLE ON LAKE BRACCIANO, ITALY.

The couple began dating in April 2005 and were engaged by mid-June. Holmes became pregnant in October and gave birth to daughter Suri on April 18, 2006, seven months before the wedding.

The couple made their marriage official in Los Angeles prior to their trip to Italy for the wedding. The ceremony was performed at sunset by a minister from the Church of Scientology. Fans and media were kept from the wedding by police checkpoints. Family and celebrity friends were among the more than 150 guests present at the wedding.





Stores pull unsafe foods

By Jenna Keeven

SUPERMARKETS PULLED SPINACH OUT OF THEIR PRODUCE DEPARTMENTS AFTER AN E. COLI OUTBREAK IN SEPTEMBER 2006. The bacteria were traced back to a farm owned by Natural Selection Foods in San Juan Bautista, Calif. The outbreak resulted in one death and nearly 100 instances of illness such as kidney failure leading to hospitalization.

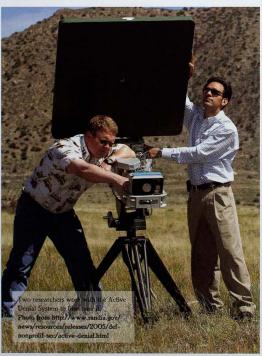
In February 2007, five months later, Peter Pan and Great Value peanut butter jars were pulled off the shelves because of a Salmonella threat. Both brands were made in the same Sylvester, Ga., ConAgra Foods Inc. plant, but the instances of Salmonella could be linked directly to only the Peter Pan peanut butter. Stores accepted returns of peanut butter jars, sealed or opened.

Medical Milestone: Quintuple kidney transplant a success

By Jenna Keeven

WITH TWELVE SURGEONS AND FIVE DONORS, JOHN HOPKINS HOSPITAL SUCCESSFULLY EXECUTED THE FIRST QUINTUPLE KIDNEY TRANSPLANT IN NOVEMBER 2006. Out of five patients in need of a kidney transplant, four had relatives willing to donate, but because of blood type mismatches, their respective relatives were incompatible donors. While the patients did not receive kidneys from their own relatives, a kidney from an unrelated volunteer made it possible for the donors to be paired with the five transplant patients.





Berry bush saves falling skydiver

By Jenna Keeven

SKYDIVER MICHAEL HOLMES SPUN OUT OF CONTROL WHEN HIS PARACHUTE FAILED. CAUSING HIM TO FALL 12,000 FEET AT 100 MILES PER HOUR in New Zealand before landing in a blackberry bush.

Holmes captured the Dec. 13, 2006 footage on his helmet-mounted camera, into which he said, "I'm dead. Bye."

Fellow skydiver Jonathan King also captured footage above Holmes. Fortunately, Holmes only suffered a collapsed lung and a broken ankle.

Ray gun takes aim at enemies

By Jenna Keeven

THE PENTAGON DEBUTED A NON-LETHAL WEAPON CALLED THE ACTIVE DENIAL SYSTEM - A RAY GUN for firing at enemies to make them feel as if they were going to ignite.

Waves of radiation caused water molecules in the skin to reach up to 130 degrees Fahrenheit, and targets could only feel the effects while they were in the active denial system's path. The weapon's beam could travel up to 500 yards.

Although the weapon was introduced in January 2007, it would not go into production until 2010.

School shootings devastate the nation



Truman State University students showed their support by gathering in Virginia Tech's colors on the quadrangle for a photo to be sent to the school. The photo was displayed with the school's flag in the Student Union Building. Photo by Emmy Thomson

By Evangeline McMullen

APRIL 16 MARKED THE DEADLIEST SHOOTING INCIDENT IN U.S. HISTORY when a lone gunman killed 33 people including himself on Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University's campus. The shooter was identified as Cho Seung-hui, 23, an English major from South Korea.

The incident added to a year already filled with tragic shootings.

On Sept. 13, 25-year-old Kimveer Gill shot 20 people, killing one, on the campus of Dawson College in Montreal, Canada. After police shot him in the arm, Gill shot himself in the head. He had no criminal record, and police found no motive for Gill's shooting spree, although authorities did locate disturbing entries made by Gill on the Web site http://vampirefreaks.com.

On Oct. 2, Charles Carl Roberts IV shot 10 Amish girls in the West Nickel Mines Amish School, killing five. The school was torn down, and students returned to a new schoolhouse, the New Hope Amish School, April 2, which was paid for in part by public donations.

On Feb. 12, 18-year-old Sulejman Talovic, a Bosnian refugee, killed five people and wounded six when he opened fire in Trolley Square, a mall in Salt Lake City, Utah. Off-duty police officer Kenneth Hammond exchanged shots with Talovic until Salt Lake City SWAT officers arrived. It was not known whose bullets killed Talovic.

Woman uses baby as weapon

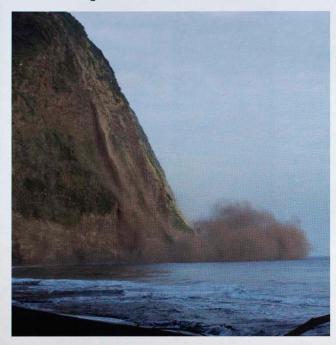
By Evangeline McMullen

CHYTORIA LATA GRAHAM, 27, OF ERIE, PA., WAS CHARGED WITH AGGRAVATED ASSAULT, RECKLESS ENDANGERMENT AND SIMPLE ASSAULT after using her one-month-old baby to strike her boyfriend, Deangelo Troop.

After engaging in a quarrel with Troop early Oct. 8, Graham picked up the baby by its legs, swinging it at Troop. The baby sustained severe head injuries. After arresting Graham, authorities removed the four other children living in the home, granting temporary custody to the maternal grandparents.

Graham admitted to using her child as a weapon, but according to the Eric Fimes-News, Troop defended his girlfriend's actions, telling the newspaper. People are trying to make a big deal about it, but she did not do it on purpose. It was just a mistake."

Earthquake shakes Hawaii



By Evangeline McMullen

A 6.7-MAGNITUDE EARTHQUAKE HIT THE BIG ISLAND OF HAWAII ON OCT. 15, resulting in as many as 20 aftershocks.

Hawaiian Gov. Linda Lingle issued a disaster declaration for the state around 11 a.m., four hours after the earthquake struck. The earthquake created landslides and widespread power outages, but no one was killed. Despite the lack of major damage sustained on Oahu, residents bore the brunt of the blackout, as it took over 36 hours for the Hawaiian Electric Company Inc. to restore all its circuits to full operation. The earthquake was the biggest to hit Hawaii since the 6.7-magnitude quake of Nov. 16, 1983, in which six people were injured and 39 homes sustained major damage.

A cliff collapses in Waipi'o Valley, Hawaii during the earthquake. Photo from http://commons.wikime-

Man dismembers, cooks girlfriend

By Evangeline McMullen

POLICE INVESTIGATED THE SUICIDE OF A MAN WHO JUMPED OFF THE OMNI ROYAL

President Ford's legacy ends

By Emmy Thomson

GERALD FORD BECAME THE 38™ PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES ON AUG. 9, 1974. Ford was born in 1913 in Omaha, Neb., and grew up in Grand Rapids, Mich. He graduated from the University of Michigan and went on to Yale University, where he earned a law degree. During World War II, he became lieutenant commander in the Navy. A few weeks after marrying Elizabeth "Betty" Bloomer in 1948, he was elected to Congress.

Ford was a member of Congress for 25 years, and from 1965 to 1973 he was House Minority Leader. Immediately following, he succeeded Spiro Agnew as vice president under the provision of the 25th Amendment. He then succeeded former President Richard Nixon, the first president ever to resign, in 1974 and later granted Nixon a full pardon for the Watergate scandal. During his time in office, Ford aimed to control inflation and stimulate the economy in the midst of recession.

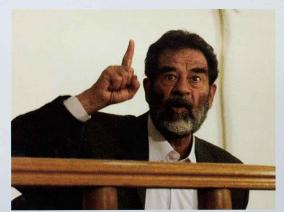
His successor, Jimmy Carter, began his inaugural speech: "For myself and for our nation, I want to thank my predecessor for all he has done to heal our land." Former President Gerald Ford died Dec. 26, 2006 at his home in California.



Ford poses for his second official White House photograph in 1976.

Photo from http://www.fordlibrarymu-seum.gov

Saddam Hussein hangs for crimes



Hussein appears before the Iraqi Special Tribunal on July 1, 2004. Photo from the US Department of Defense

By Emmy Thomson

SADDAM HUSSEIN, PRESIDENT OF IRAQ FROM 1979 TO 2003, WAS BORN IN AL-AWJA, IRAQ. He joined the pan-Arab Ba'ath Party in 1957 and supported himself as a teacher. Hussein had three wives.

Hussein received the rank of four-star general in 1968 soon after he became deputy to the president of Iraq. He promoted the modernization of the Iraqi economy and the creation of strong security to prevent coups. In 1976, Hussein became a general in the Iraqi armed forces and the strongman of the government. He was a more secular leader than his predecessors.

Under Hussein's rule, Iraq fought in the Iran-Iraq War and the Gulf War. Hussein's government collapsed because of the 2003 U.S. invasion of Iraq, and he was captured in December 2003 by American forces. He was faced with seven preliminary charges in 2004. These

included the Anfal 'ethnic cleansing' campaign against Kurds in 1988, gassing Kurds in Halabja in 1988, the invasion of Kuwait in 1990 which lead to the Gulf War, crushing the Kurdish and Shia rebellions after the Gulf War, killing tens of thousands of political activists over 30 years, the massacre of members of the Kurdish Barzani tribe in 1983 and the killing of religious leaders in 1974.

The Iraq Special Tribunal convicted Hussein of crimes against humanity over the killing of 148 people in Dujail in 1982 and sentenced him to death by hanging. He was executed Dec. 30, 2006.

Crocodile Hunter receives fatal sting

By Emmy Thomson

THE CROCODILE HUNTER WAS FAMOUS FOR HANDLING AND WRESTLING CROCODILES AND REPTILES. In 1962. Steve Irwin was born in Melbourne, Victoria in Australia to a wildlife expert and a wildlife rehabilitator. The family moved when Irwin was 8 years old to Queensland, where his parents began the Queensland Reptile and Fauna Park, now called Australia Zoo. Irwin fed and took care of animals daily. He received a 12-foot scrub python for his sixth birthday and began handling crocodiles at age 9. He wrestled his first crocodile that same year under his father's guidance.

Irwin later became a crocodile trapper, moving crocodiles to safer places. Irwin took over his family's park and began appearing on wildlife specials for television in 1992. That same year, he married Terri Raines, and the footage of their crocodile-trapping honeymoon became the first episode of "The Crocodile Hunter," which debuted in 1996 in Australia, and it aired in North America in 1997.

In 1999, Irwin made his first appearance on "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno." He appeared in several films such as "Dr. Dolittle 2."

The Centenary Medal for his service to conservation was awarded to Irwin in 2001. He concerned himself with the conservation of endangered animals and loss of habitat because of land clearing. He founded the Steve Irwin Conservation Foundation, later named Wildlife Warriors Worldwide. In 2004, controversy arose due to a public show in which he carried his one-month-old son in his arms while feeding a crocodile, but no charges were filed.

Irwin's life ended Sept. 4, 2006, when he was fatally pierced in the chest by a stingray spine in the Great Barrier Reef while filming a documentary.



Steve Irwin works with a crocodile at Australia Zoo. Photo from GNU Free Documentation License

Robert Altman, director Joseph Barbera, Scooby Doo creator

Peter Boyle, actor

Ed Bradley, journalist

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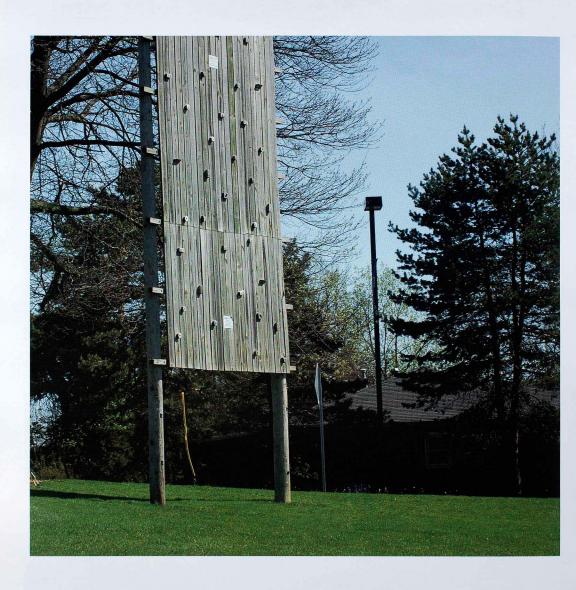
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Truman State University

Costs 2006-2007

Resident Tuition: \$6,210 Out of State Tuition: \$10,820 Room and Board: around \$6,000 Freshman Orientation: \$250

Activites Fee: \$72/year Health Services: \$50/year

Parking: \$50/year (optional)

Truman Facts

Location: Kirksville, Missouri Kirksville Population: 17,564 Undergraduate Enrollment: 5,600

Graduate Enrollment: 240 International Enrollment: 200 Male/Female Ratio: 41:59

Student/Faculty Ratio: 16:1

Average Class Size: 22

Average GPA of Incoming Students: 3.78/4.0

Percentage of Freshman Courses Taught by Full-time Faculty: 93%

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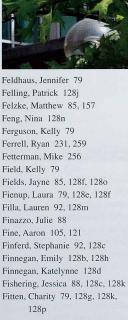
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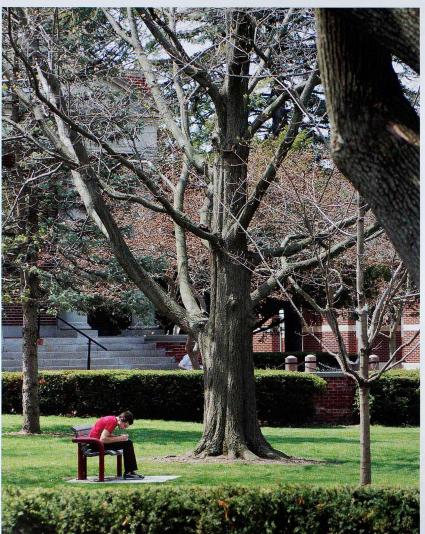
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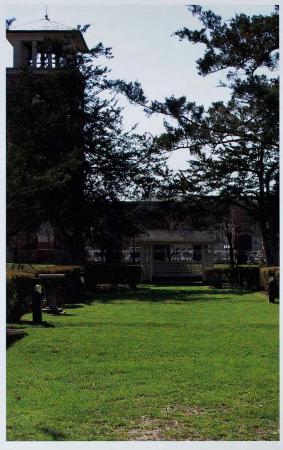
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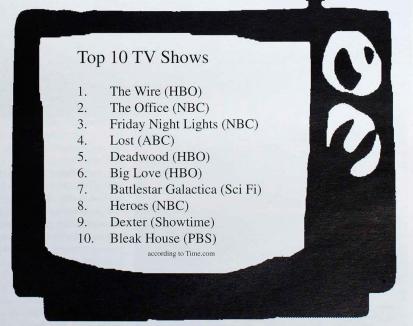
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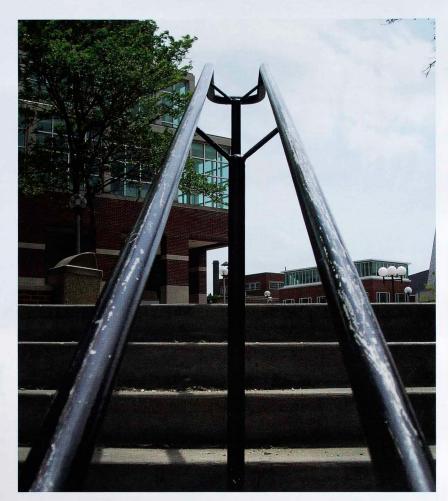
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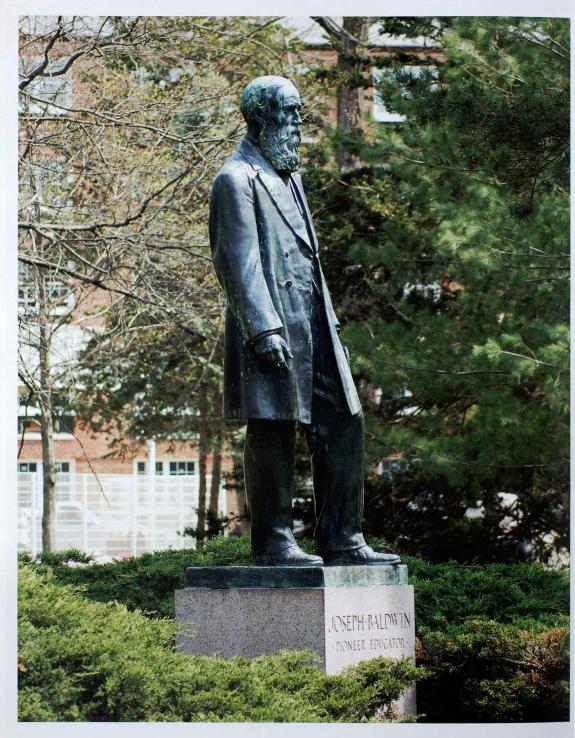
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- 4. Another Sunny Day- Belle & Sebastian
- 5. The Firefly's Song- Alan Jackson
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Goodbye Echo, Thanks for the Memories

By Ross Houston, Contributing Columnist

This column is 140 years in the making. With the end of the 2006-07 school year comes change. Communication is moving to Barnett Hall. Missouri Hall is reopening, BNB is closing. I am graduating.

And for the last time, the Echo is publishing.

To have the honor of writing the final column for the 106th and final edition of the longest-running publication at Truman is a big deal. It's an honor, but one that doesn't come without responsibility. I need to get this right.

When students open this yearbook in fall 2007 and turn to this page, they might read this column and think nothing of it. But in fall 2008, it will mean more. In 10 years, it will mean more. In 50 years, it will mean more.

After this year, students won't have this nostalgic artifact. They won't be able to find themselves on page 163. They won't be able to look at that girl or guy they kissed in the Sunken Gardens. They won't be able to see their professor struggling through the inflatable obstacle course during The Final Blowout.

So this prose isn't just for me. It's for Joseph Baldwin. It's for all of the poodle skirts, bell bottoms and stone-washed jeans that have wandered through Baldwin Hall and Kirk Memorial. It's for everyone who has made, is making and will make an impact on this University.

College has been a special time in my life. I've stayed up many a late night working on research papers and studying for tests. I've played football in the mud with armchair quarterbacks and softball in

the cold with recliner catchers. I've met future Mother Teresa's, Stephen Hawking's, Martin Luther King's, Ludwig van Beethoven's and Albert Einstein's.

I am lucky to have these memories wrapped up in this neat package for the last four years. Forty years from now, I can scavenge through my basement closet and show my children their "daddy" in a toga.

But what if I didn't have this? What the yearbook never existed? Does that mean college never existed?

Of course not. The yearbook is leaving us, but college is not. Although we might not be able to remember everything about our four-plus year experience without the help of the Echo, we will remember the things that are important to us. We will remember what we are supposed to remember — the people, events, experiences and traditions that changed our lives.

And this is the most important lesson I've learned from my four-year tenure at Truman. Unfortunately, there is no "College Experience 101"; this notion did not come from a professor or classroom lecture. But it's the combination of papers, parties and public that allowed me to realize the importance of college's role in shaping who I am today.

It is unfortunate that the yearbook has ceased publication. For 106 years, its staffs have provided a great service to all members of the Truman community. It was a great tradition, and it will be missed.

But luckily for us, our brains continue taking the photos and writing the articles of our own individual inner yearbooks.

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Sunday, May 4, 2007

Echo Yearbook

Echo. official The vearbook of Truman State University, died March 12, 2007, in Kirksville, Mo. It was 106. The confirmed of death was cause financial starvation. Bom the Mnameion the vearbook began chronicling the people and events of the First District Normal School in June 1901. Until its unexpected death, the Echo saw only 11 years in which it did not publish. For one year, 1934, the yearbook went by the name Annual. Although elderly Echo had struggled against student indifference and mounting publishing costs for Echo several years, staffers saw hints of a resurgence of youthful

vitality and success for the book thanks to recent upgrades of production hardware and software. News of the yearbook□s sudden demise left the Truman community stunned. No indication was given of the Echo S worsening financial health until its financing tube was removed without warning the Division bv of Language and Literature. Amidst an air of mingled grief and anger, Echo staffers lovingly finished creating the 2006-2007 edition of the yearbook in May 2007. The Echo leaves behind 96 offspring and four younger student media siblings: the Index Detours, 88.7 the Edge and News 36.

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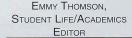
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Final Thoughts

THIS YEAR BEGAN AS ANY OTHER WITH LOTS OF BRAINSTORMING, GETTING TO KNOW EACH OTHER, AND SOME SERIOUS GO-GETTER ATTITUDES. Well, as you can imagine as the semester picked up enthusiasm declined (along with free time) and a few staff members decided that they didn't have enough time to devote to doing a quality job for the Echo. Which meant that we had some late arrivals to the staff who proved to be great additions.

There was no theme chosen for this edition of the Echo. We thought that nothing really fit with what we wanted to do (and we thought themes were kind of overdone anyway). We chose instead the slanted, lowercase 'e' to serve as a thematic device. We chose this because of its simplicity which is the feel that we hoped to achieve with this book. The 2006 Echo, in our opinion, was a cut above previous books and we hoped that this one would surpass that one.



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As the spring semester got underway we began making preparations for the 2008 book. Some staff members talked about returning and all the cool things they would do, others decided that the Echo wasn't for them. All of us, however, were quite shocked when it was announced (without any fair warning) that there would be no 2008 book. The University did not think that the Echo was worth the funds attributed to it. As a staff we were heartbroken. All of our hard work would mean nothing. But, of course, that wasn't true. Our latest and best work would still be published and would be a nice end to a tremendous Echo career.

The Echo has been an integral part of this University for over century. Future Truman students will be lacking an important record of their time here.

Its presence will certainly be missed.

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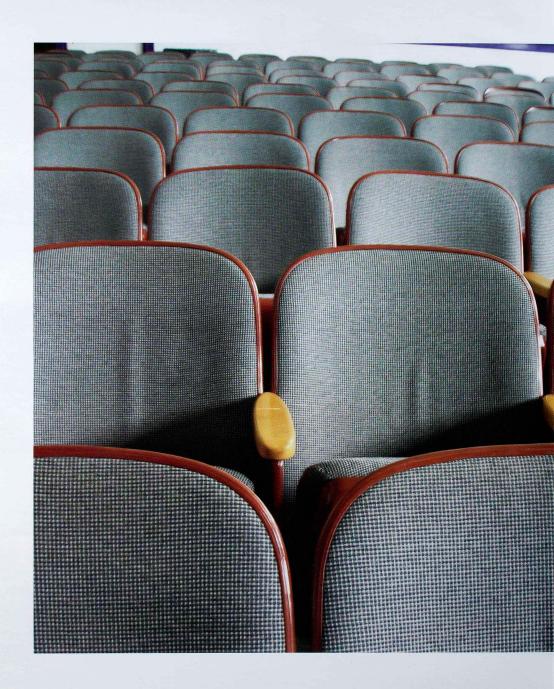














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